



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1138

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

The Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) is a multi-agency partnership formed in 2000 with the single purpose of seeking out funding assistance for projects that would improve and protect the natural resources within the the first federally designated Wild and Scenic River in the State of Florida. LRPI focuses on stormwater discharge and hydrologic improvements, along with septic to sewer conversions and habitat restoration projects designed to improve and protect the natural resources within the watershed. Revitalizing this important water body provides long-term environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region. Each State dollar is matched at the local level on a minimum 50:50 cost-share basis, with over \$45 million in State funds having been effectively utilized for watershed restoration projects since its inception in 2000.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="1,898,355"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="1,898,355"/>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input type="text" value="1898355"/>	<input type="text" value="32.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="3,971,520"/>	<input type="text" value="68"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="5,869,875"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input type="text" value="2016-17"/>	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="700,000"/>	<input type="text" value="SB1187"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted consulting efforts for site assessment, design, permitting and engineering services.	125,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs for capital projects including hydrologic and stormwater system improvements.	1,773,355
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,898,355



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11. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

Funds requested will support capital construction efforts designed to improve water and habitat quality within the Loxahatchee River and its watershed. The project for this year are:

1) Pennock Industrial Park Stormwater Improv. / Town of Jupiter	\$231,855
2) Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project Phase I / Martin County	\$125,000
3) Section 7 Drainage Improvements / South Indian River Improvement	\$321,500
4) Seminole Avenue Stormwater Basin / Town of Jupiter	\$870,000
5) Sims CReek Preserve Hydrologic Restoration / Town of Jupiter	\$350,000

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Projects include storm water system improvements to reduce runoff and sediment loading into the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries, as well as hydrologic improvements designed to improve quantity and quality of freshwater flow into the watershed. Funds will be utilized primarily for capital costs associated with the various projects, with a small percentage utilized to contract consulting and engineering services to support the various projects.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality and sediment quality within the watershed and surrounding urban environment.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The target population served by this effort and associated projects includes the residents and numerous visitors of both Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Benefits will include the reduction of nutrient and sediment loading into the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries, along with hydrologic improvements to the existing natural floodplain and wetland systems within the watershed. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

None. LRPI has a documented track record of success related to performance measures and deliverables associated with funds appropriated to support these efforts. Through this program's minimum 50:50 match commitment from participants, over \$45 million in State funds and local funds have been dedicated to restoring the River.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

As a partner of LRPI Initiative, Palm Beach County serves as the requester, and FDEP receives the funds. Owners to receive appropriations if awarded by way of this request include the Town of Jupiter, Martin County and the South Indian River Water Control District.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☒ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- ☐ Waste Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☒ N/A

17. **What is the population economic status?**

- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)
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- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

18. **What is the status of construction?**

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.