



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2393

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Project would create jobs and serve as an economic catalyst in recently hurricane-ravaged area. Efforts would help diversify local economy following the loss of timber industry jobs. Proposed project would clean up former industrial sites to be redeveloped for marina, lodging, retail, recreation and tourism hub. Goal is to capitalize on natural resources of Apalachicola River and its unique ecosystem to create economic development opportunities, as well as add rural tourism capacity to the north Florida inland region.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2,000,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="5,000,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	7,000,000

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 style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="7000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	7,000,000	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 style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2017-18"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1606B"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
- If 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	Land acquisition	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Environmental testing, potential remediation, permitting, site plans, land use, construction development, landscape	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Clean up, construction, etc.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Job creation, economic catalyst in aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Diversify local economy and offer new business and entrepreneur opportunities. Increase rural and inland tourism by capitalizing on natural resources, greenways and trails, and unique heritage.

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

Marina, lodging, retail, trail connectivity, river traffic support, job creation, eco-tourism. Activities will include hiking, walking, cycling, swimming, kayaking, canoing, motor boating, fishing, shopping, dining, events, educational opportunities, conservation and protection of natural resources.

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

New and improved access to the Apalachicola River, only available lodging in county, recreational opportunities, and educational experiences.

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

Local community, tourists visiting Florida, travelers of the Apalachicola River; 15,000 annually

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

Successful project development would provide much needed economic boost to a county that must redefine itself after the decimation of the timber industry by Hurricane Michael. Calhoun County is also located in a Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) as well as part of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI).

- 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?

Return of funds.



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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.**

N/A

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.