



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2283

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will include the design and construction of a toewood structure along approximately 4,000 LF of Apalachicola River shoreline in the Estiffanulga Community. This section of river has seen substantial shoreline erosion in the last 15+ years, averaging 3-4 feet of erosion per year. Liberty County has tried to work with State agencies in the past to try and mitigate the erosion but has been unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary funds. The erosion has now gotten to the point that County infrastructure is being threatened (Chattahoochee Circle, Estiffanulga Water System, Estiffanulga Boat Ramp) and mitigation, along with State support, is necessary. The toewood structure is a proven construction method to withhold further erosion while also giving nature habitat to all species of the Apalachicola River in this region.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Liberty County was allocated \$1,457,708 as part of the CARES Act for State and Local Governments. Funds were used for PPE, sanitizing supplies, labor, equipment and other items. Liberty County was allocated \$1,622,677 as part of the American Rescue Plan. Funds are to be used for Covid-19 mitigation efforts, replacement of lost public sector revenue, premium pay for essential workers, and investments in water.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This project will include the design and construction of a toewood structure along approximately 4,000 LF of Apalachicola River shoreline in the Estiffanulga Community. This section of river has seen substantial shoreline erosion in the last 15+ years, averaging 3-4 feet of erosion per year. Liberty County has tried to work with State agencies in the past to try and mitigate the erosion but has been unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary funds.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

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

The project will need to be designed, permitted, constructed and inspected for this project.

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

This project will mitigate the erosion of the riverbank, which is threatening the homeowners property, an asphalt county road (Chattahoochee Circle), a public water system, a public boat ramp, and causing unsafe river conditions due to the current status.

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

The target population is County citizens and the countless individuals that utilize the public boat ramp and even the Apalachicola River, possibly 10,000+ individuals.

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

To mitigate and stop the continued erosion of the Apalachicola Riverbank in the Estiffanulga community and save property, public infrastructure, and natural habitat. A county-wide survey can be advertised and distributed at the boat ramp and to the nearby property owners to judge the effectiveness of the improvements once the construction is complete.

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 the contract?

It is not anticipated that failing to meet deliverables or performance measures will occur, however, if such penalties are needed, withholding funding would be an appropriate measure.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. 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

19. What is the population economic status?

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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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none

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025