



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1481

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This 5-lake chain spans three jurisdictions (Orlando, Winter Park, and unincorporated Orange County) and abuts and surrounds the Loch Haven cultural campus, site of the Orlando Science Center, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,350,000

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)	1,350,000	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	1,350,000	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?

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



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Unknown

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Unknown

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.

Cities of Orlando and Winter Park, and Orange County are the owners of the infrastructure surrounding the lake basin.

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	Proposed cost to prepare a long-term management plan regarding flood control and nutrient load into the five-lake chain, at a cost of \$340,155.90. By the time the appropriation gets approved and the money available we anticipate the number to grow to \$350,000.	350,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	The \$1,000,000 is an estimation of the capital costs to implement early stage projects identified as a result of the Management Plan Evaluation. We anticipate needing far more than \$1,000,000 to implement all the findings and recommendations of the plan, but it is not the intention of this appropriation to fund all that work. To implement all the findings and recommendations is likely to take a decade or more - to develop the long term basin-wide capital upgrade plan based on study results,	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,350,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds will pay for a flood control and long term nutrient management study of the Loch Haven lake chain in Orange County, and for initial, urgent capital upgrades identified through this work. The five-lake Loch Haven chain spans three jurisdictions (Orlando, Winter Park and unincorporated Orange Cty) and serves as a series of stormwater retention ponds for a significant portion of downtown Orlando, as well as for Winter Park by blocking the flow of stormwater into the Winter Park Chain of Lakes (by means of a series of weirs along Howell Creek through Mead Gardens, at the terminus of Lake Sue). This work will provide a much-needed scientific basis for a basin-wide, tri-jurisdictional infrastructure upgrade and management plan.

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

Third party hydrologic and nutrient study provided by a suitably-credentialed engineering firm (initial proposal received from Orlando-based Environmental Research & Design, Inc., a nationally-recognized authority for this type of study). followed by identification and prioritization of necessary flood-control and other basin infrastructure upgrades to reduce flooding risks and improve long term lake health and water quality.

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

Citizens will receive long term benefit from a basin-wide flood control and lake management plan, with long term capital spending needs identified to upgrade/replace existing structures and ensure that the basin can deal with the future effects of continued population growth, loss of greenspace due to ongoing construction buildout, and escalating flood risks.

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

The Loch Haven Lakes basin encompasses parts of each of: City of Orlando's District 3 (population 48K); City of Winter Park (population 30K) and FL house district 42 (population 200K). The stormwater infrastructure which directs water into this lake chain also serves a significant percentage of downtown Orlando's District 4 (population 45K).

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

Factbase for a tri-lateral, long term basin infrastructure upgrade and basin management plan, which is accepted as foundational scientific evidence by the three responsible jurisdictions (Orlando, Winter Park, Orange County). Study completed on-time and on-budget.

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?

Unknown at this time.

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) Water Management District

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)
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- ☐ 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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0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Unknown