



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Fred George Sink Wetland Restoration

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/20/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This request is for one-time construction funds to re-grade the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink, a karst feature located within the Ochlockonee River watershed and the Wakulla Springs basin area. By providing enhanced water quality treatment of runoff and debris interception prior to release into sinks, this project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Environmental Protection

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	500,000	500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 500,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

By providing enhanced water quality treatment of runoff and debris interception prior to release into sinks, this project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.

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

Funds would go towards re-grading the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This request is for one-time construction funds to re-grade the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink.	500,000
TOTAL		500,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

All residents of Leon County will benefit from enhanced recreational opportunities and the improved discharge to the Florida Aquifer.

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

All residents of Leon County.

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

By providing enhanced water quality treatment of runoff and debris interception prior to release into sinks, this project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed. Approximately 65 acres of the park wetland area will benefit from the grade restoration efforts and is expected to remove 5 tons of floatable debris entering the sink each year.

g. 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?

N/A

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Andrew Johnson

b. Organization: Leon County



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- c. **Email:** JohnsonAn@LeonCountyFL.gov
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)606-5383

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Leon County BOCC
- b. **County:** Leon
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Theresa Heiker
- e. **E-mail Address:** HeikerT@LeonCountyFL.gov
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)606-1526

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** Jeffrey Sharkey
- b. **Firm:** Capitol Alliance Group
- c. **Email:** jeffreysark@gmail.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)224-1660

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- 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)



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N/A

18. What is the status of construction?

Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

If allocated state and/or federal funding, design, permitting, and construction could be complete within two years of project funding.