



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Large Scale Vessel Grounding Restoration Project

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/10/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Project will restore environmental damage caused by multiple vessel groundings along the Gulf coast.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

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

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
1,100,000		1,100,000

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):** 1,100,000

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?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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

### 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?

The specific goal of this project is to fill and stabilize vessel groundings to keep the surrounding seagrass from continual degradation.

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

Funds will be used to fill vessel groundings. Groundings will be filled with clean sand, capped with biodegradable tubes, planted with seagrass planting units, and protected from future impacts by installing aids to navigation.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project administration and oversight	55,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Site inspections and rentals	15,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Materials	530,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Installation and monitoring	500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,100,000

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

This project will restore and protect seagrass meadows that are highly important for fisheries production. The vessel groundings that will be restored are located in areas within regions of high recreational boating including Ft. Desoto Park, Matlacha Pass, and the Crystal River Scaloping areas. The direct services provided to the citizens will be realized from the ecosystem services that healthy seagrasses provide in the form of fisheries production, nutrient removal, and water filtration.

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

The recreational boating and fishing community will be directly served by the completion of this project. A 2010 census survey identified a total of 914,445 registered pleasure boats in Florida.

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

This restoration of imperiled seagrass meadows will benefit recreational boaters that utilize Matlacha Aquatic Preserve, St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve, and Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve. Seagrass restoration success will be scientifically surveyed and quantified for a period of five years.

**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?**

Lack of reimbursement for the contractor should be considered if the restoration is not completed according to the scientifically defensible restoration plan.

**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:** Brian Gorski
- b. **Organization:** Coastal Conversation Association
- c. **Email:** bgorski@ccaflorida.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)854-7002



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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

**a. Organization:** Coastal Conversation Association

**b. County:** Citrus, Lee, Pinellas

**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:** Brian Gorski

**e. E-mail Address:** bgorski@ccaflorida.org

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

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