



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1480

**1. Title of Project:** St. Lucie County Treasure Coast Scrub-Jay Habitat Conservation

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Gayle Harrell

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/01/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA) Scrub-Jay Habitat Conservation Plan. The goal of this project is to assist St. Lucie County with the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to address impacts to the Federally listed Florida Scrub-Jay relating to development within the vicinity of the Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA). The County-wide HCP will provide projects consistent with its standards, reduced permitting time frames, providing a direct economic benefit to St. Lucie County, landowners, developers and businesses

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

State Agency Contacted? Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>600,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,000	66.67%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	300,000	33.33%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Consultants/Contracted Services/Study. Hire environmental consultant to develop a County-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Florida scrub-jay as part of a complete incidental take permit application to the USFWS.	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>600,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

A county-wide HCP will provide substantial benefits to the business community, local government, developers and landowners by providing millions of dollars in savings through reduced uncertainty, time delays and compliance costs. Expedited federal permitting made possible by the HCP will allow new and expanding businesses to offer additional job opportunities. This project will directly benefit the federally threatened Florida scrub-jay, among other listed species endemic to scrub habitat by conserving and restoring imperiled scrub habitat within St. Lucie County.

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

Will allow the business community, local governments, developers and landowners to utilize the HCP to be eligible for an expedited federal permitting process.

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

A county-wide HCP will provide substantial benefits to the business community, local government, developers and landowners by providing millions of dollars in savings through reduced uncertainty, time delays and compliance costs. This is a full-scale project with immediate job opportunities for all phases including modeling, surveys, permitting, and monitoring. Expedited federal permitting made possible by the HCP will allow new and expanding businesses to offer additional job opportunities.

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

A county-wide HCP will provide substantial benefits to the business community, local government, developers, landowners and visitors of St. Lucie County.

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



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The HCP will include a ledger for tracking Florida scrub-jay mitigation funding and expenditures. Biological surveys and monitoring will be deployed before, during, and after to monitor/document increases in use by threatened and endangered species. St. Lucie County will assess visitation numbers and hold free nature programming on-site to increase awareness about the project. Increases in eco-tourism revenue and the success will be monitored by the St. Lucie County Tourism Staff/Board via social media.

- 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?**

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.**

The HCP will be established by a consultant and then maintained by the Environmental and Resources Department under the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners.

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- b. **County:** Saint Lucie
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  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
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  - Local Entity
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