



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1749

1. **Project Title** Glades County Lake Okeechobee Navigational Channel Improvements2. **Senate Sponsor** Ben Albritton3. **Date of Request** 11/07/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Glades County owns the largest area of Lake Okeechobee on the western shore & access to the Lake is vital to the economy in this fiscally constrained community & the Moore Haven Canal serves as the life line for the County. 3/4 mile has been completed with multiple State agencies participating (SFWMD, FWC, TIIFT, FDEP). Completing the remaining 6-1/4 miles excavation of the channel & construction of the embankment for the linear park allows for direct access to the Lake, provides for safer navigation, improved water flow & filtration, cleaner water, addresses permitting agencies regulations & provides for increased economic development venues to be hosted--fishing, duck hunting, bird watching, hiking, wildlife enthusiasts & activities, etc.--which increases tourism, State revenues & maintains employment. Glades County is located in a rural area of economic opportunity.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental ProtectionState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	12,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	12,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	12000000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	12,000,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	00	1,000,000		No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual engineering, design, permitting, & construction Services	12,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		12,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Goal is to excavate the remaining 6-1/4 miles navigational channel & construct the embankment for the linear park. Glades County owns the largest area of Lake Okeechobee & access to the Lake is important to the economy. The Moore Haven Canal is the life line for the County that allows direct access to the Lake. Project provides for protection of State water resources, the public, tourists, visitors, citizenry & residents with safer navigation, improved water flow & filtration, cleaner water & includes allowing for economic development venues to be hosted for fishing, duck hunting, bird watching, hiking, wildlife enthusiasts & activities, etc.

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

Funds to be used for contractual engineering & construction services through the County's CCNA procurement policy to excavate the channel & construct the embankment for the linear park that may include, engineering, design survey, soil analysis, permitting, photogrammetry, hydrologic modeling, bidding, earthwork, de-watering, turbidity control, water quality monitoring, mitigation planting, seeding, mulching & planting along the channel embankments, installing navigational aids, clearing & grubbing, wildlife surveys, maintenance of traffic for boaters, record surveys, final quantities, project management, etc.

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

Direct services to citizens is safer navigational waterways, direct access to the Lake, protection of State water resources, improved water flow & water quality.

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

Target population is citizenry, residents, visitors, tourists & the State.

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

The expected benefit/outcome with completing the widening and deepening of the 7 mile navigational channel provides for safer navigation, improved water flow & local access to Lake Okeechobee for Glades residents, tourists, citizenry, etc. Provides for direct access to the Lake allowing for economic stabilization & development for activities such as local events to be hosted for fishing, boaters, duck hunters, bird watching, hiking, wildlife enthusiasts, etc.; increases tourism & State revenues; maintains employment. Addresses permitting agencies requirements, maintenance & reporting requirements

- 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?

implementation of a corrective action plan; non payment of invoices until milestones achieved



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12. **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.**

Glades County is the owner and the entity.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
- ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ 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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **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

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)
- ☐ N/A

18. **What is the status of construction?**

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.