



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2553

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funds will support Conservation Florida's goal and the delivery of programs designed to protect Florida's natural and agricultural landscapes that replenish and safeguard Florida's fresh water supply, support the success of working farms and ranches, contribute to a strong economy, form a statewide conservation corridor, and provide places to recreate and enjoy nature. Conservation Florida assists with the protection of lands on the Florida Forever and Rural and Family Lands priority lists.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="500,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="500,000"/>

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)	<input type="text" value="500,000"/>	<input type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="500,000"/>	<input type="text" value="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		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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	Salaries and benefits will be used to partially fund Conservation Florida's Executive Director, who oversees Conservation Florida's programs and operations as it works to protect Florida's natural and agricultural lands	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits will be used to partially fund Conservation Florida's Assistant Director, who works to track deliverables, manage staff and interns, and oversee communications that support Conservation Florida's mission to protect natural and agricultural lands. This will also be used to partially fund a Graphic Designer, a Program Manager, and Regional Coordinator.	90,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits will be used to partially fund Conservation Florida's Operations Manager, who oversees Conservation Florida's educational programs and in-office operations as it works to protect Florida's natural and agricultural lands.	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Land Protection Programming, Conservation Education Programming Printing, Travel, Professional Development, Rent, Internet, Telecommunication	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This will be used to partially fund two Land Protection Specialists and a GIS specialist in order to deliver our programs.	60,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

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

Ultimately, the purpose of the funds is to support Conservation Florida's mission to protect Florida's natural and agricultural landscapes for the benefit of all Floridians, current and future.

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

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

General- >800

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

Acres protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved. Preserve environmental and wildlife quality: Conservation Florida is working to protect natural corridors that provide wildlife with access to passageways between conservation areas. Without conservation corridors, iconic species like the Florida black bear and the Florida panther are at risk of becoming isolated in small islands of protected lands. Improve Agricultural Production/Education/Promotion: Conservation Florida is actively working with many agricultural families to protect Florida's working lands. From ranches to timberlands, conservation is a tool that will keep farms farming. As Florida is also one of the nation's top producers of food, ensuring we have adequate land set aside for agriculture is a prudent measure for our growing population. Improve Ground & Drinking Water Quality: Conservation Florida is actively working to protect land around Florida's Springs and within high recharge areas to p

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?

Forfeiture or return of funds.



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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.

n/a

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.