



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1140

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Support ongoing efforts to stabilize and improve the valuable nearshore and littoral habitat of Lake Okeechobee's eastern shoreline and increase the long-term resilience of the Herbert Hoover Dike. Project will include final design and construction of valuable near-shore/littoral habitat within Lake Okeechobee. Project benefits will include habitat improvements, water quality improvements and overall system health improvements to aid in recovery from recent years of blue-green algae blooms.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,600,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million dollars.
Funding was used for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs associated with purchase, transportation and installation of sand, rock and native plants for the creation of nearshore and littoral habitat.	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

12. Program Performance

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

Funds requested will support capital construction for habitat restoration projects designed to improve water quality, habitat quality and resiliency of the eastern shoreline of Lake Okeechobee. Water quality benefits will include areas downstream of the lake, including Palm Beach County and Martin County, along with the Loxahatchee River, St. Lucie River Estuary and the Lake Worth Lagoon.

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

Funds will be utilized entirely for capital costs associated with finalization of project design and subsequent construction activities.

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

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality and resilience within the lake and in downstream/receiving water bodies.

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

The target population served by this effort and associated projects includes the residents and numerous visitors of Palm Beach 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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Benefits will include the creation of near-shore freshwater littoral habitat to improve the water quality, ecological conditions and coastal resiliency of Lake Okeechobee. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring, and the acreage of habitat created/restored.

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 the contract?

None. Palm Beach County has an outstanding track record of performance with environmental appropriations and grants.

13. 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.

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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. 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

18. 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

19. What is the status of construction?

Not ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2023