



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1577

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Working with project partners from the University of Florida Sea Grant program, the Gulf Shellfish Institute and nonprofits: Sarasota Baywatch and Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START).
1) to provide necessary supplemental funding for Manatee County's direct component and state expenditure plan RESTORE Act grants;
2) to pilot the placement of live clams and oyster shell habitat in the Manatee river, Sarasota Bay and Tampa Bay estuaries;
3) funding will also support peer reviewed, open source research to quantify and affirm the roles of oysters and clams in improving water quality on the front lines of our efforts to control blue green algae and red tide bloom intensity in lower Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay marine waters.

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	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	950,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	950,000		Yes

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?

Yes

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

Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four groups: residents, business owners, nonprofits & local government agencies. Less than \$10 million is being used by the County to cover costs related to our response to the pandemic.

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	Manatee County Department of Parks and Natural Resources: Design Planning: 100,000 Final Design/Permitting:200,000 Marine Services: 10,000 Construction 320,000 Gulf Shellfish Institute: \$ 230,000 Sarasota Bay Watch: \$70,000 START: \$20,000	950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

12. Program Performance

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

This project proposal is consistent with the Manatee County, Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program Comprehensive Plans and provides complimentary, actionable and transferable applied open source research and projects for identifying and mitigating the effects of harmful algae blooms, including many forms of blue green algae and red tide.

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

Design and permitting of areas for oyster and clam deployment, purchase of live clams and oysters from local growers, market expansion and job opportunities for shellfish aquaculture; and publication of education materials.

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

Identification and mitigation of harmful algae blooms, improvement of water quality, expanded job opportunities and market expansion for shellfish industry.

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



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All coastal counties in Florida benefit from the water quality aspects of this proposed project.

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

Specific outcomes will include the design and permitting of areas for oyster and clam deployment along the Manatee River and Sarasota Bay; funding for acquisition of live clams and oysters from southwest Florida growers, expanding markets and job opportunities for bivalve shellfish aquaculture and bivalve recycling programs; and publication of education materials printed for distribution in local schools, restaurants, and tourist destinations, and including social media content, water quality and clarity, sea grass coverage, and reduction in shoreline erosion. Outcomes measured by surveys, record of sales receipts of bivalves, testing of water quality with monitors, long term monitoring of habitat along shorelines of Manatee County.

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?

Withholding of funding.

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.

Manatee County Government will be the entity receiving fixed capital outlay funding and funds to deploy live oysters and clams.



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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