



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1854

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the project is to comprehensively manage and improve water quality, habitat, natural resources and economic benefits of the Choctawhatchee Bay, Choctawhatchee River, and watershed. The regional benefits that successful estuary programs provide for clean water and other environmental improvements are vital. The purpose and goals of the program support the seafood and tourism industries, and promote the overall quality of life in Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, and Washington Counties. The program will develop and implement a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Choctawhatchee Bay, River, and watershed.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	250,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Federal RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component funding

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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

\$36,770,000 received by Okaloosa County, used for CARES Act related expenses.

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	The Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program is requesting \$250,000 to support and expand water quality protection initiatives within the four counties participating in the Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Coalition interlocal agreement	250,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. 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?

Water quality improvements to the Choctawhatchee Bay, Choctawhatchee River, and watershed.

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

Creative programs and projects that engage and educate partners and the public in improving the environmental quality of the Choctawhatchee Bay estuary.

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

The target population includes the residents of Okaloosa, Holmes, Walton, and Washington Counties.

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

The Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program is proposing to maintain and expand the existing water quality program. The data and analysis obtained for this project will be utilized to assess the health and management of the Choctawhatchee Bay, Choctawhatchee River, and watershed.



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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?

To be determined.

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.

N.A.



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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?

n/a

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

n/a

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

n/a