1. Project Title
Okaloosa County Panhandle Estuary Programs: Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program

2. Senate Sponsor
Doug Broxson

3. Date of Request
02/24/2021

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
Department of Environmental Protection

5. State Agency contacted?
No

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

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<td>Fixed Capital Outlay</td>
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7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

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<td>Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)</td>
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<td>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</td>
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8. Has this project previously received state funding?
No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
Yes

9a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
250,000

9b. 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?
No
11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

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<td>Consultants/Contracted Services/Study</td>
<td>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</td>
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12. Program Performance

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

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.

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.
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.
14. Requestor Contact Information
   a. First Name  Brian  Last Name  Underwood
   b. Organization  Okaloosa County
   c. E-mail Address  bunderwood@myokaloosa.com
   d. Phone Number  (850)609-5382

15. Recipient Contact Information
   a. Organization  Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program
   b. Municipality and County  Okaloosa
   c. Organization Type
      ☐ For Profit Entity
      ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
      ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
      ☐ Local Entity
      ☐ University or College
      ☑ Other (please specify)  Regional coalition formed through Interlocal Agreement consistent with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes
   d. First Name  Brian  Last Name  Underwood
   e. E-mail Address  bunderwood@myokaloosa.com
   f. Phone Number  (850)609-5382

16. Lobbyist Contact Information
   a. Name  Sarah Suskey
   b. Firm Name  Cardenas Partners, LLC
   c. E-mail Address  sbs@cardenaspartners.com
   d. Phone Number  (850)222-8900
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