



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2126

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

4. Project/Program Description

Funding is for replenishment of aquaculture brood stock and for repair and/or replacement of farming infrastructure demolished due to severe damages from Hurricane Michael. The Sturgeon Aquafarm (SAF) in Bascom, FL in Jackson County, is the single & only farming aquafarm in the USA to be licensed and authorized by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services to grow, harvest, and export beluga sturgeon. SAF became the first & only facility in the world to obtain a permit exemption for the trade in the U.S.

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	1,100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,800,000

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)	1,800,000	65%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	986,435	35%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	2,786,435	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.

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	Partial replenishment of inventory of fish and broodstock	1,100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Repair and/or replacement of aquafarm infrastructure demolished due to severe damages from Hurricane Michael	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,800,000

12. Program Performance

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

Funding would be for partial replenishment of inventory of fish and broodstock as well as for the repair and/or replacement of aquafarm infrastructure demolished due to severe damages from Hurricane Michael

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

Improve agricultural production through the refurbishment of the existing sturgeon aquafarm damaged and/or destroyed by Hurricane Michael.

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?

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

This funding would allow for the restoration of the farm and employment within the region.

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?

Reimbursement of funds to the State



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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.

Bascom Farms/Sturgeon Aquafarms



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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