



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1391

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) is a multi-agency partnership formed in 2000 with the single purpose of seeking out funding assistance for projects that would improve and protect the natural resources within the first federally designated Wild and Scenic River in the State of Florida. LRPI focuses on stormwater discharge and hydrologic improvements, along with septic to sewer conversions and habitat restoration projects designed to improve and protect the natural resources within the watershed. Revitalizing this important water body provides long-term environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region. Each State dollar is matched at the local level on a minimum 50:50 cost-share basis, with over \$45 million in State funds having been effectively utilized for watershed restoration projects since its inception in 2000.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,269,500
Total State Funds Requested	2,269,500

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,269,500	44%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,875,531	56%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,145,031	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	353,650	1607 A	No

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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Yes

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 spent entirely for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel. Palm Beach will receive \$290,730,026 in American Rescue Plan funding which will be used on pandemic-related service and infrastructure projects.

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	Construction costs for capital projects including habitat restoration and storm water system improvements.	2,269,500
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)		2,269,500

12. Program Performance

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

Funds requested will support capital construction efforts designed to improve water and habitat quality within the Loxahatchee River and its watershed. Agency partners of LRPI Initiative, consisting of local government and water control representatives, as well as representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District, ranked the proposed projects based on priority need and beneficial impacts to the River.

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

Projects include storm water system improvements to reduce runoff and sediment loading into the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries, as well as hydrologic improvements designed to improve quantity and quality of freshwater flow into the watershed. Funds will be utilized primarily for capital costs associated with the various projects, with a small percentage utilized to contract consulting and engineering services to support the various projects.

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

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality and sediment quality within the watershed and surrounding urban environment.

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 both Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

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



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be measured?

Benefits will include the reduction of nutrient and sediment loading into the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries, along with hydrologic improvements to the existing natural floodplain and wetland systems within the watershed. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring.

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. LRPI has a documented track record of success related to performance measures and deliverables associated with funds appropriated to support these efforts. Through this program's minimum 50:50 match commitment from participants, over \$45 million in State funds and local funds have been dedicated to restoring the River.

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.

As a partner of LRPI Initiative, Palm Beach County serves as the requester, and FDEP receives the funds. Owners to receive appropriations if awarded by way of this request include the Town of Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet District, Palm Beach County and the South Indian River Water Control District.



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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?

Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024