



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1770

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners wishes to remove toppled trees and log jams caused by Hurricane Michael along approximately 33 miles of the Chipola River that winds through Calhoun County. The County has yet to receive any funding for this project. The debris along the river has altered the natural flow of water, and the dying debris is decomposing slowly in the river. The Chipola River is one of Calhoun County's largest attractions for residents and visitors. Currently, the river is unsafe to boat or float on due to the amount of debris in the river. Since this is one of Florida's treasured waterways, the County feels that the Chipola River should be cleaned to restore natural water flow and to increase waterway navigation, protect the Chipola River fishery, and lessen embankment erosion and flooding.

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	14,257,133
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	14,257,133

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)	14,257,133	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 2022-2023	14,257,133	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.

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.

CARES Act Funds - \$2,485,816 - body temp kiosks, sneeze guards, ambulance, COVID testing machines and kits, message boards, cleaning supplies and public health and safety employee salaries
ARP Funds - \$2,739,731 will be the total to be received. 50% of the funds have been deposited, no expenditures to date. The Final Rule should be released within the next month. The spend plan will be completed by mid-January.

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	Grants administration.	279,552
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Tipping fees based on secured price at landfill.	553,641
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractor along with in-house costs to remove debris from the waterway. Debris monitoring is included under this cost.	13,403,940
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Environmental review.	20,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		14,257,133

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this project is to remove all toppled trees and log jams, which will in turn increase waterway navigation, protect the Chipola River fishery, and lessen embankment erosion and flooding. This will allow citizens and visitors to be able to safely navigate the river for fishing, floating or other recreational activities that support the local economy without the concern of debris causing safety issues.

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

This project will involve the planning, debris cleanup/removal, and debris monitoring of the Chipola River. Inspections post removal will also be completed to ensure all fallen debris and log jams are eliminated. The Chipola River is one of Calhoun County's largest attractions and economic boosts. Residents and visitors buy gas, food, bait, and other items that help boost the economy when they go to the Chipola River and it will also provide safe access for residents and visitors. If the debris is not removed, Calhoun County will continue to miss out on this economic asset.

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

The benefits of the Chipola River Debris Removal project will allow citizens and visitors to be able to safely navigate the river for fishing, floating or other recreational activities that support the local economy without the concern of debris causing safety issues and the nutrient and water height levels will resume to normal levels to protect water quality, wildlife, and property along the river. The river in Jackson County down to Johnny Boy Landing is back to its pristine green color and the river is flowing appropriately, since its cleaning shortly after Hurricane Michael. From Johnny Boy Landing to the Dead Lakes, the river is brown due to the acidity and sediment buildup from the trees in the water. A pure, clean river would be provided as a result of these services.



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

All citizens of Calhoun County and visitors from other areas. This is one of Calhoun County's largest attractions and economic boosts. Approximately 15,000 Calhoun County citizens and several thousand visitors.

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

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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?

The County will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures should funding be made available.

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.

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners will receive funding and oversee the cleanup. Removing the debris from the Chipola River will be completed by both force account labor provided by Calhoun County personnel, consultants proficient in grant management, and contractors experienced in removing and monitoring debris removal from waterways.



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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) CDBG-DR
- ☐ 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?

In planning phase.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2022