



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2413

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Lake Disston is a "Special Water" Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) as listed in paragraph 62-302.700(9)(i), F.A.C. and is located in southwest Flagler County. The Kern Property located on the northern rim of the lake consists of 136 acres in majority natural condition. The lake is one of the most intact black-water habitats in the northern part of the state and supports a number of species of recreational, educational, commercial, and scientific importance. Acquisition of the site will add conservation protections and will enhance the potential for managed access to the lake by citizens of Flagler County. Flagler County and the St. Johns River Water Management District have independently and together sought acquisition of the Kern Property. A conservation acquisition of the site adds to the protection of a significant center of activity for Swallow-tailed Kites, Bald Eagle, and Osprey. The Lake Disston system is ecologically connected with Lake Woodruff National Wildlife refuge.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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?

Yes

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

Flagler County has received approximately \$20 million from CARES which was used for business and individual assistance grants, local government including municipalities and public safety. Flagler County has also received \$22 million in ARPA funds which is for local infrastructure projects and broadband.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	None	0
Other Salary and Benefits	None	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	None	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	None	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	None	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land Purchase	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Enhanced protection of a Special Water Outstanding Florida Water and enhanced recreation opportunities for citizens and visitors of Flagler County and Northeast Florida.

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

Flagler County will shepherd the acquisition process and provide ancillary support including purchasing surveys, appraisals, etc.

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

Ecosystem services provided will include a water quality buffer for the pristine lake, protection of significant habitat for game and fish. Public access will provide for recreational boat parking and nature based recreation including hiking and fishing.

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

Citizens and visitors of Flagler County are the target population of this project including hunters, fishermen, birdwatchers, photographers, hikers, and casual nature observers. Flagler County's population is over 115,000 individuals, 42,000 households, and 10,000 veterans. Visitors to Flagler County include visitors from all over the country and the world. Particularly, fisherman travel every winter to fish our clean, freshwater lakes for perch and specks.

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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The expected benefit of this project is perpetual conservation, preservation, and availability of habitat, cultural site, and history to the citizens and visitors of Flagler County

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 transaction is a one-time real estate transaction. There are no performance measures or deliverables other than acquisition of the property.

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 owner of the property, Mr. John Kern, has no formal relationship with Flagler County other than long-time private landowner.



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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