



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2657

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The current restoration of the Little Wekiva River is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional project which will provide much needed maintenance and restoration of the Little Wekiva River. Once fully restored, ongoing maintenance will be necessary to protect the native habitat and dynamic ecosystem within the riverine system; maintain enhanced flow; reduce opportunities for flooding. This project will contribute towards the continuation of improved water quality, biological diversity, and ecology of the Little Wekiva River. This requested funding would be sufficient to meet the maintenance needs for the subsequent and critical five-year period after project completion.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	500,000		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.

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.

Seminole County received \$82M in CARES Act funding in July 2020. Funds were expended by 12/31/2020 and supported the following: \$12.5M small business grants; \$22M individual assistance grants; \$4M towards economic recovery initiatives (tourism, SSC, Central FL Zoo); \$41M towards public safety, service, and health (SCPS, Seminole's seven cities, Constitutional Offices, FDOH and COVID-19 response efforts); \$2.9M to area not-for-profit organizations.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Provide funding for a five year, proactive inspection and maintenance program, to ensure the success of the restoration project. This will include frequent inspections, treatment and removal of invasive plants, replanting or adding of any native plants, and any re-stabilization of river meanders and channels, as necessary.	500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

These project funds will contribute towards the continuation of improved water quality, biological diversity, and ecology. In order to ensure the long term success of this important restoration project, a well funded, proactive maintenance program is a necessary component. This requested funding would be sufficient to meet the maintenance needs for the subsequent and critical five year period after project completion.

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

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

Reduction in residential, commercial, and municipal flooding; increased resident and visitor enjoyment of the Little Wekiva River as a recreational destination, resulting in positive economic impact for the area; potential return of many species of concern.

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

General population, both citizens/residents and visitors.

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?

Ongoing improvements in water quality, biological diversity and ecology, resulting in enhanced recreational use (measured by monitoring of water body by FDEP Numeric Nutrient Criteria, water chemistry, and biological standards); prevention of fish kills, toxic algal blooms, etc. (measured by habitat assessments and monitoring); long-term improvement of environmental recreation and use of the Little Wekiva River (measured by monitoring recreational use of the Little Wekiva River); and ongoing reduction of nutrients and other pollutants from reaching the Wekiva River (measured by ongoing water quality monitoring and habitat assessments).

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?

Return funds to FDEP

- 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



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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?

Not Ready (permitting process)

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2022