



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2737

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

4. Project/Program Description

Acquire 11,000+/- environmentally sensitive acres that are hydrologically linked to the everglades, are particularly important to the estuarine ecosystem of the Ten Thousand Islands area and which support several rare and endangered animal species including the Florida panther.

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	35,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	35,000,000

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)	35,000,000	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	35,000,000	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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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



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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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funds will be used to acquire the Green Heart of the Everglades to conserve and protect environmentally unique and irreplaceable lands.	35,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		35,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the project is to conserve and protect environmentally unique and irreplaceable lands that contain native relatively unaltered flora and fauna representing a natural area unique to, or scarce within, a region of this state or a larger geographic area; to conserve and protect lands within areas of critical state concern; to conserve and protect significant habitat for native species or endangered and threatened species; and to conserve, protect, manage, or restore important ecosystems, landscapes and forests in order to enhance or protect significant surface water, coastal, recreational, timber, sources which local or state regulatory programs cannot adequately protect.

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

Land will be placed into conservation.

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

Provide public land for the enjoyment of the people of Florida

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

The people of Florida

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

To conserve and protect environmentally sensitive land that is unique and irreplaceable.

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?

Invoices will not be paid.



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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.

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) State Agency

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