



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2234

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Nassau County created a Conservation Land Acquisition and Management program known locally as the CLAM. The program identifies 15 priority acquisitions based on a scientific reasoned weighting system. The citizens of Nassau County voted to issue bonds in the amount of \$30,000,000 to acquire priority projects. The #1 priority acquisition is a thirty-nine (39) acre parcel located along the Amelia River [ICW] adjacent to SR200/A1A, a roadway on the State of Florida's Strategic Inter-modal System (SIS), at the approach to the Shave bridge leading to Amelia Island. In addition to preserving a piece of 'Old Florida', critical view-shed protection, protection of cultural and archaeological resources, flood mitigation, preservation of greatest risk habitats, and protection of wildlife corridors, the acquisition of this parcel promotes the State's objective to create a more resilient, sustainable, and storm resistant Florida. Nassau County has a 50% local match.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No

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?

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

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning   
  Design   
  Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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 allocation of funds will come to the Nassau County BOCC. In partnership with the regional land trust, the BOCC will leverage the State funding against County funds and private donations to secure this critical property.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase of two parcels in Nassau County, as part of the County's Conservation Land Acquisition & Management Program.  37-2N-28-0000-0001-0000 37-2N-28-5000-000A-0000	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

Purchase of the privately own property, located on the north side of SR 200 east of Piney Island Drive, consists of two tax parcels, totaling 38.97 acres in size. In addition to critical view-shed protection, protection of cultural and archaeological resources, flood mitigation, preservation of greatest risk habitats, and protection of wildlife corridors, this property is ideally situated to provide a passive ecological and cultural park that preserves not only natural functions but also protects the rich history of Nassau County. The property offers citizens the opportunity to engage with nature, celebrate cultural resources, and enjoy the social benefits of a natural respite in a rapidly urbanizing area while simultaneously enjoying the primary benefits described above.

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

The property would be purchased by Nassau County, eliminating the risk of future development. Nassau County will retain responsibility of managing the conservation land.

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

- Preservation of existing natural areas, including wetlands, floodplains, river corridors, streams, creeks, and wildlife habitats.
- Preservation of strategic view shed protection parcels and protecting/enhancing the view shed for travelers approaching and leaving Amelia Island.
- Protection of land vulnerable to destructive storm surge and flooding
- protection of flood-prone areas where people and homes are most vulnerable and to recommend solutions to protect those areas.

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

All 94,000 residents of Nassau County will benefit from the protection of this property, as it enhances quality of life and quality of place for Nassau County.

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

- Storm Surge and Flooding
- Undeserved Area for Parks
- Priority Natural Communities
- Wildlife Corridor

##### 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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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#### 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number