

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3247

. Project Title	North Lake Tohopekaliga Vegetation Reduction
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2. Senate Sponsor Victor Torres

3. Date of Request 12/12/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Project is to reduce excessive vegetative cover by harvesting woody and herbaceous plants within the North Lake Tohopekaliga area to improve floodwater conveyance. Portions of Kissimmee and Osceola County directly adjacent to North Lake Tohopekaliga suffered historic flooding in Hurricane Ian as floodwaters could not leave the East City Ditch or Mill Slough to the lake in a timely manner.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,280,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,280,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,280,000	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 2024-2025	1,280,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

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?

No

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



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\$72,985,227 for revenue replacement; \$65,565,652 for public safety payroll; \$2,862,023 for individual, family, and business assistance; \$20,323,665.9 for emergency rental assistance; \$1,794,426.12 for PPE.

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	🔘 N/A		
b. Is the project '	'shovel ready" ((i.e permitted)?		No	
c. What is the est	timated start da	te of construction?		6/1/2024	
d What is the es	timated comple	tion date of construe	ction?	6/1/2025	

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.

NA

13. 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/Majo	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Mechanical harvesting of approximately 160 acres of woody and non- woody invasive/nuisance plants to improve floodwater conveyance from Kissimmee and Osceola County through North Lake Tohopekaliga.	1,280,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	nust equal total from question #6)	1,280,000

14. Program Performance

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

Improvement of flood conveyance from Mill Slough and East City Ditch through North Lake Tohopekaliga

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



Vegetative harvesting

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

NA

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

The area served by this project is predominantly Hispanic or Latino with a median annual income below Florida Median annual income. The project is expected to serve 20,000 affected individuals.

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

Improved flood conveyance. Reduction of flooded homes or time flood events occur in storm events

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?

Denial of invoice payment

15. Requester Contact Information

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□Non Profit 501(□Non Profit 501(c)(4)				
☑Local Entity	☑Local Entity				
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d. Phone Number	