



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1831

1. Project Title Osceola County Shingle Creek, Lake Tohopekaliga, and Kissimmee River Water Resources Development Act

2. Senate Sponsor Kristen Arrington

3. Date of Request 2/19/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Osceola County is requesting assistance in funding the US Army Corps of Engineers' Shingle Creek, Lake Tohopekaliga, and Kissimmee River Water Resources Development Act Feasibility Study. This study is to assist in creating flood solutions and ecosystem restoration in the Shingle Creek and Kissimmee River watershed including Lake Tohopekaliga. This is a three year commitment to the USACE, with Year 1 match of \$500,000 made by Osceola County. This funding request of \$500,000 is for Year 2 of the study. The Federal government is contributing \$1,500,000 over the three year long study.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (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	500,000	50%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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 estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

Osceola County Board of Commissioners. Osceola County is the local sponsor of the study.

12. 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		
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	Funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a feasibility Study on the Shingle Creek and Kissimmee River, including Lake Tohopekalliga.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This federally funded, US Army Corps of Engineers study will develop recommended structural/non-structural solutions for flood and ecosystem restoration within the Shingle Creek and Kissimmee River, including Lake Tohopekalliga.

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



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A final report detailing steps to attain the goal of reducing flooding and conduct ecosystem restoration in the Shingle Creek and Kissimmee River area, including Lake Tohopekaliga.

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

Not Applicable.

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

The State of Florida.

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

Proposed projects to reduce the impact of flood to Osceola County and promote ecosystem restoration in Florida through identifying structural improvements such as new control structures and non-structural changes including a program to allow for drawdowns.

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 in the contract?

Denial of reimbursement of costs and/or return of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☒ Yes

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☒ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricanes Irma and Ian

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☒ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

☐ Water Quality Improvement Grant Program

☐ Resilient Florida Grant Program

☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan

☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan

☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

☐ Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)

☒ 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?

N/A

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name

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Last Name

Fisher

b. Organization

Osceola County Board of Commissioners



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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 Ext.

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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