



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1073

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

CCA will spawn, raise, and release a combined minimum of 150,000 redfish and spotted seatrout, development of emergent in need species housing, grow and plant a minimum of 1,000 mangroves, recycle and deploy 70 tons of oyster shell to help enrich the coastal waters of Florida. With more people moving to Florida everyday there is more strain on our water quality and inshore fisheries.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	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 2026-2027	750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	300,000		No

9. Is future-year 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.

Fundraising efforts would need to be put in place. The hatchery helps the whole State and its tourism.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

We will use the appropriated money from the Legislature or begin fundraising efforts.

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.

Coastal Conservation Association FL will receive and spend all money to spawn, raise, and release a minimum of 100,000 redfish and 100,000 spotted sea trout, grow and plant a minimum of 1,000 mangroves, recycle and deploy 72 tons of oyster shells to help enrich the coastal waters of Florida.

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	150,000 (3-5 inches) redfish and seatrout combined. Will be released in Florida's coastal waters. Development of a tripletail breeding and growout structure and 1,000+ Mangroves to be grown and planted in areas of need, recycle and deploy 72 tons of oyster shell. Pond revitalization, lift station pump, shipping containers for storage, aerators, daily items to raise and keep fish alive and growing.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

CCA will work to help grow redfish, trout, tripletail, mangroves trees, and oysters to enrich the coastal waters of Florida. With more people moving to Florida everyday there is more strain on our inshore fisheries.



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

CCA will work to grow juvenile redfish, trout, and tripletail to release around Florida's coast. CCA will also grow mangroves and create oyster bars that will help with water quality and shoreline stabilization.

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

The citizens will see better inshore fisheries and the oyster and mangroves will help with water quality.

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

The coastal fishing population of Florida.

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

The expected outcome will be more fish in the water to catch which will bring more tourist and money to coastal communities.

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?

forfeiture of related appropriations, in the event deliverables or performance measures and standards are not met

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

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):

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



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

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

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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