



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1601

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is to conduct a targeted, one-time removal of shoals and invasive vegetation within Boggy Creek to restore water conveyance to East Lake Tohopekaliga (East Lake Toho).

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	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	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	3,500,000	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		

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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?

01/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

FWC Invasive Plant Management Funding

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.

The State of Florida owns Boggy Creek. The portion of the creek is within the geographic boundaries of Osceola County.

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	Conduct a targeted, one-time removal of shoals and invasive vegetation within Boggy Creek to restore water conveyance to East Lake Tohopekaliga (East Lake Toho).	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

To restore water conveyance to East Lake Toho, restore native habitat and improve ecological health, reduce flood risk by re-establishing natural flood conveyance, strengthen watershed resiliency against future development and stormwater impacts, and restore safe navigation and provide management access for agencies.

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

Design, permitting, and removal of shoals and invasive/nuisance vegetation.

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



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None.

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

The project area includes a diverse population with mixed racial backgrounds and a median household income reflective of the community's demographics. The project is expected to benefit approximately 10,000 affected individuals.

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

The expected benefits include a reduced risk and duration of flooding, as well as improved natural habitats through the reduction of invasive vegetation. The methodology for measuring these benefits will focus on increases in acres of open water, reductions in water levels, and improvements in water conveyance.

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 cost and/or return of funds.

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
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No



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☐ 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)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ 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?

06/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Osceola County Board of Commissioners

b. Municipality and County Osceola

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☒ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

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