



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1855

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the requested funds is to restore and strengthen Captiva's coastal resilience by revegetating storm-impacted dunes with diverse native species, improving dune stability, enhancing wildlife habitat, and reducing vulnerability to future hurricanes and erosion. It will also support replacement of invasive plants that were part of a strategic island wide removal.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	91%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	9%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2025-26	0	500,000	25109	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.

**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?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

#### 12. 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</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The funds would restore Captiva's storm-damaged dunes by purchasing and installing diverse native coastal plants, preparing and stabilizing planting areas, providing temporary watering, and covering labor, materials, and monitoring to ensure successful establishment and long-term resilience.	500,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

State funding would help revegetate Captiva's storm-damaged dunes with diverse native plants. After Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton, this vegetation is essential to stabilize sand, strengthen dune structure, speed recovery, and provide important wildlife habitat while improving long-term coastal resilience. It will also support replacement of invasive plants that were part of a strategic island wide removal.

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



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The project will restore native dune habitat and replace invasive vegetation across approximately 24,000 linear feet of shoreline, increasing vegetative cover by at least 50%. This enhanced plant diversity will improve dune stability, reduce erosion, and create foraging and nesting habitat for shorebirds, pollinators, and other wildlife, resulting in a measurable increase in wildlife use and ecosystem function.

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

Revegetation stabilizes the dunes, helping them absorb storm surge and wave energy. This reduces erosion and lowers the risk of flooding and overwash, providing natural protection that helps keep the public, homes, and infrastructure more safe during hurricanes and severe weather.

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

The residents and visitors of the island of Captiva are the target population. The island currently has over 300 full time residents and receives tens of thousands of visitors annually.

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

The project will revegetate roughly 24,000 linear feet of shoreline, increasing vegetative cover by at least 50% and enhancing habitat for shorebirds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Benefits will be measured through vegetation monitoring, dune-elevation surveys, and wildlife observations to document ecological improvements and track dune stability over time

**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?**

Suggested additional penalties include the return of funds to the state.

**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):**

Hurricanes Ian, Milton, and Helene

**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:**



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

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ 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**



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**d. Phone Number**

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