



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1896

1. Project Title Lake County Nutrient Reduction Facility (NuRF) conversion master site plan, design, and engineering

2. Senate Sponsor Keith Truenow

3. Date of Request 10/28/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Redevelopment of the 220-acre Nutrient Reduction Facility which operates by alum being added to the water and the resulting "floc" being removed from settling ponds to a series of naturally vegetated cells that would filter water of nutrients, act as flood protection, provide habitat for wildlife, and serve as a location for public education and recreation. In addition, it would also reduce the long-term operational costs associated with utilizing the alum process of removing excess nutrients.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	600,000	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?

12/20/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2029

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

Lake County Water Authority Special Taxing District.

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.

Lake County Water Authority owns and operates the facility.

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	Master site plan, design, and engineering.	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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

Redevelopment of the 220-acre Nutrient Reduction Facility which operates by alum being added to the water and the resulting "floc" being removed from settling ponds to a series of naturally vegetated cells that would filter water of nutrients, act as flood protection, provide habitat for wildlife, and serve as a location for public education and recreation. In addition, it would also reduce the long-term operational costs associated with utilizing the alum process of removing excess nutrients.

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



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A master site plan and design and engineering to redevelop the existing Nutrient Reduction Facility into a series of filtrations ponds to improve water quality, provide additional flood protection, improve habitat for wildlife and provide education and recreation opportunities to the public.

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

When the project is completed, the construction phase it will provide improved water quality, flood protection, protect wildlife and biodiversity, provide for outdoor based education and recreation. It will also reduce the long-term operating costs of the existing facility.

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

Residents and visitors of Lake County. The project will benefit the county's population of approximately 444,204 residents and the thousands of annual visitors who utilize Lake County's waterways, parks and recreational areas. Educational and recreational components are expected to directly serve over 20,000 individuals annually through public access, outreach events, and environmental education programs.

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

Improved water quality, flood mitigation, improve wildlife habitat, education opportunities, and tourism. Water quality monitoring, pedestrian and vehicle count data, and educational programing participation

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?

Lake County Office of Procurement Services in coordination with Lake County Water Authority contracting officer will include the appropriate penalties (financial penalties including bond forfeiture) to ensure quality.

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 infastructure)

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:



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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):

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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.