



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1031

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) was created to define and evaluate the status of the entire watershed and propose actions that would improve and protect the natural resources within the lagoon and watershed. LWLI is supported by Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Inland Navigation District and the League of Cities, which have all endorsed the LWL Management Plan to restore the Lagoon. This watershed-based plan includes projects to restore sea grasses, mangroves and oysters, cap muck sediments, construct storm water control projects, and septic-to-sewer conversions. Revitalizing this important water body provides long-term environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region. Each State dollar is matched at the local level at about a 50:50 cost-share basis. Through this program, over \$25 million in State funds and \$69 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	906,000
Total State Funds Requested	906,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	906,000	53%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	255,000	15%
Other	541,000	32%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,702,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	2,361,804	2500	No

9. **Is future 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.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Palm Beach County was the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million dollars. Funding was spent entirely for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel. Palm Beach County received \$290,730,026 in American Rescue Plan funding which was used on pandemic-related service and infrastructure projects.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. 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.

As a partner of LWL Initiative, Palm Beach County serves as the requester, and FDEP receives the funds for the three (3) Initiative-ranked projects.

13. 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: Other		
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	Construction costs for capital projects including habitat restoration marine debris removal.	906,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		906,000

14. Program Performance



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

Funds requested will support capital construction for restoration projects, marine debris removal and monitoring efforts designed to improve water quality, habitat quality and coastal resiliency within the Lake Worth Lagoon. The Steering Committee of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative, consisting of local government representatives as well as representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District, ranked the proposed projects based on priority need and beneficial impact to the Lake Worth Lagoon.

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

Projects include habitat restoration and marine debris removal efforts to create and enhance habitat within the Lagoon. Funds will be utilized entirely for capital costs associated with the various projects and assessment efforts.

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

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality, sediment quality and coastal resilience.

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

The target population served by this effort and associated projects includes the residents and numerous visitors of Palm Beach County and the local marine industry.

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

Benefits will include the creation of coastal habitat to improve the water quality, ecological conditions and coastal resiliency of the Lagoon. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring, the acreage of habitat created/restored and the tonnage of debris removed from the lagoon system.

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 the contract?

None. The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative has a documented track record of success related to performance measures and deliverables associated with funds appropriated to support these efforts. Through this program's ~50:50 match commitment from participants, over \$25 million in State funds and \$69 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?