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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Manatee County - Robinson Preserve Habitat Restoration

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Greg Steube

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/20/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Robinson Preserve Expansion

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	600,000	600,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	2,270,946	13.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	7,371,034	42.1%
Other	7,282,000	41.6%
TOTAL	16,923,980	96.7 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 17,523,980

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		600,000	600,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of this project is to achieve habitat restoration and public recreation through a sustainable balance of ecological enhancement and passive use access improvements. The project is located at the confluence of Sarasota and Tampa Bays, both federally recognized estuaries of national significance, and is supported by both respective national estuary programs' Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMP) for benefits to habitats, fisheries, wildlife, education, and outreach.c

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

Establishment of desirable native vegetation and restored hydrologic connections on former coastal farmland

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Habitat Restoration	600,000
TOTAL		600,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Habitat Restoration, Ecosystem Services, and Recreational Opportunities. An educational center is funded with other monies.

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

The general public: both resident and tourists expected to visit Robinson Preserve Expansion area. Current visitation in the adjacent completed phases of Robinson Preserve is in excess of 300,000 per year.

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

Enriched cultural experience: Preserve patrons will experience restored habitats that historically existed in coastal Manatee County and are intertwined with a local cultural heritage valuing natural landscapes. Outcomes will be measured by biannual traffic counts of people visiting the preserves.
Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality: Habitat Restoration will be measured in acres of habitat improved. Method for measuring level of benefit will be by qualitative analysis of plant communities with monitoring performed by Manatee County Staff. Improve stormwater management, groundwater quality, and surfacewater quality: Reestablishment of desirable native vegetation will aid in nutrient uptake and storm water infiltration prior to discharge into surface waters. Benefits are assumed based on available science and regulatory practices. Measurement of benefit will be by acres of restored habitat. Benefits are assumed based on available science and regulato

g. 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?

Manatee County will place performance deadlines and standards in its contract with the restoration contractor.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Manatee County owns the property and is facilitating habitat restoration on the property.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Manatee County Government
- b. **County:** Manatee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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