



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1187

1. **Title of Project:** Palm Beach County Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bobby Powell

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/03/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Steering Committee of the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative, consisting of regional 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 improvement to the Loxahatchee River. The proposed projects include stormwater improvements to reduce runoff, septic to central wastewater conversions to eliminate leaching from drainfields to the River and restoration projects within the River to enhance habitat. The projects also contribute to the continued resiliency of the ecosystem in the face of tropical storm impacts.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,364,044
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,364,044</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,364,044	33.49%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	6,681,620	66.51%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>10,045,664</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		750,000		No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2500000



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**10. 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The proposed projects include stormwater improvements to reduce runoff, septic to central wastewater conversions to eliminate leaching from drainfields to the River and restoration projects within the ecosystem to enhance habitat.	3,364,044
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,364,044</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Water quality improvement within Loxahatchee River due to the reduction of stormwater runoff and leaching from septic systems. Additional habitat creation and the elimination of invasive species will additionally improve the ecological conditions within the River and increase resiliency within the ecosystem.

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

Water quality improvement within Loxahatchee River due to the reduction of stormwater runoff and leaching from septic systems. Additional habitat creation and the elimination of invasive species will additionally improve the ecological conditions within the River.

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

Recreational enjoyment, flood control through water storage, water quality improvements

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

Countywide

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

The Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management, SFWMD, DEP and other local government partners to the LRPI monitor the enhancement of environmental habitat and improvements in water quality and flood control.



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- 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?**

Withholding of grant funding until deliverables are met

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.**

The Loxahatchee River

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Rebecca DeLaRosa
- b. **Organization:** Palm Beach County
- c. **E-mail Address:** rdelarosa@pbcgov.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (561)355-3451

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Palm Beach County
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- 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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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only**

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant



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Other (Please describe)

N/A

**17. What is the population economic status?**

Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)

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Rural Area of Economic Concern

Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

**18. What is the status of construction? Ready to be undertaken**

**19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0**

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 8/1/2020**