



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1487

1. Title of Project: Martin County Culpepper Ranch Phase II Berm Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Submission: 02/01/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The purpose of this project is to construct a berm and install operable screw gates to restore hydrology on the Culpepper Ranch property. This project will help restore thousands of acres of wetlands and will provide dry season freshwater flows to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River. The project is a component of the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan)

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	270,000
Total State Funds Requested	270,000

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)	270,000	50.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	270,000	50.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	540,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a berm and installation of operable screw gates on the Culpepper Ranch property.	270,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		270,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Construct a berm and install operable screw gates to restore hydrology on the Culpepper Ranch property. This project will help restore thousands of acres of wetlands and provide dry season freshwater flows to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River.

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

The restoration of the Loxahatchee River and Estuary.

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

The restoration of the Loxahatchee River, a segment of which is one of two federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in the State of Florida.

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

Residents of Martin and Palm Beach Counties and visitors to Florida (tourism industry).

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

Restoration of several thousand acres of wetlands in the Loxahatchee River Watershed. Staff gauges will measure water levels in area wetlands and will be used to document project success.

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?

If the project is not constructed, funds to be reverted back to FDEP.

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.

Martin County Board of County Commissioners

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Michael Yustin



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:** Martin County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County:** Martin
- c. Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. Contact Name:** Kloe Ciuperger
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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- b. Firm Name:** Ballard Partners
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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
- 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



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- 18. What is the status of construction?** Construction is proposed in 2020
- 19. What percentage of construction has been completed?** Construction has not yet started
- 20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 07/01/2020