



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1489

1. Title of Project: St. Lucie County Cypress Creek Restoration

2. Senate Sponsor: Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Submission: 01/25/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Cypress Creek Restoration Project is a natural area storage component to the IRL-S C23/C24 CERP project in St. Lucie County. The project will restore impacted wetlands and watershed resources identified as a need in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to reduce pressures on the St. Lucie Estuary. St. Lucie County purchased the property for conservation purposes in 2016 and is seeking funding to design, permit, and restore the natural hydrology on site.

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	520,000
Total State Funds Requested	520,000

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)	520,000	9.33%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,684,411	30.22%
Local	3,368,822	60.45%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	5,573,233	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,684,411	N/A	No

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		



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Benefits		
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	Hydro modeling, permitting, design and construction. Earthwork and site preparation will be carried out by County staff.	150,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a water control structure at the outfall of Cypress Creek and State Road 70, as well as the installation of ditch plug(s) and or riser pipe(s) that will help improve wetland function, restore hydrology, and increase the natural storage capacity of any surface water within the Cypress Creek watershed.	370,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		520,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The project will restore impacted wetlands and watershed resources identified as a need in the CERP to reduce pressures on the St. Lucie Estuary. St. Lucie County purchased the property for conservation purposes in 2016 and is seeking funding to design, permit, and restore the natural hydrology onsite.

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

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

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entities including ORCA to monitor water quality in the Estuaries, but will also work to monitor inflows and outflows of the project to document benefits in water quality.

- 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?**

N/A

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.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Saint Lucie
- 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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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

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

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- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe): Florida Inland Navigational District
- 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

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 4/1/2020