



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2058

1. Title of Project: Monroe County Vessel Grounding Restoration

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 02/21/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The funds will be used to restore seagrass habitat damaged by vessel grounding and/or propeller scarring within Monroe County. There are several areas in need of restoration located within John Pennekamp State Park, as well as Key Largo, Plantation Key and Tavernier Key.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	67,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,067,000

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)	1,067,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,067,000	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	Administration	67,000
Other Salary and Benefits		



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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	Fill, biodegradable sediment tubes, bird stake buoys, planting	1,000,000
Engineering	nursery-grown seagrass, protecting grass, and monitoring	
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,067,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The funds will be used to restore seagrass habitat in Monroe County from vessels running aground or propeller scars. Seagrass meadows are critical for providing habitat for commercially and recreationally important fish species in Monroe County, as well as habitat for many other species. In addition, health seagrass meadows are a boon to the tourist industry for divers.

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

The funds will be spent on project management; installation of 30,000 biodegradable sand bags; cultivation, installation and maintenance of a minimum of 7,500 seagrass plants; and monitoring for 3 years.

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?

Residents and visitors to Monroe County

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

The expected outcome is the restoration of severe vessel damage to seagrass meadows in Monroe County. Healthy seagrass meadows are critical to the seafood industry, tourism industry, and recreational boating industry in Monroe County. In addition, both the state and local economies will also benefit from this project.

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 deliverables are not achieved in full, monies allocated for the project should be withheld.

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



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