



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2115

1. Title of Project: Leon County Fred George Wetland Restoration

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 02/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

This request is for one-time design and construction funds to re-grade the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink, a karst feature located within the Ochlockonee River watershed and the Wakulla Springs basin area. This project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,000,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
>5 years		377,000		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		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This request is for one-time design and construction funds to re-grade the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink, a karst feature located within the Ochlockonee River watershed and the Wakulla Springs basin area.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

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

Funds would go towards re-grading the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink.

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

All residents of Leon County will benefit from enhanced recreational opportunities and the improved discharge to the Floridan Aquifer.

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

All residents of Leon County.

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

This project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed. Measured by observation of wildlife; water quality sampling downstream.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Deobligation of funds.

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.

Leon County (property owner)

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Andrew Johnson
- b. **Organization:** Leon County Government
- c. **E-mail Address:** JohnsonAn@leoncountyfl.gov
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)606-5383

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Leon County Government
- b. **County:** Leon
- 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:** Theresa Heiker
- e. **E-mail Address:** HeikerT@LeonCountyFL.gov
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)606-1526

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Jeffrey Sharkey
- b. **Firm Name:** Capitol Alliance Group
- c. **E-mail Address:** jeffreysark@gmail.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)224-1660

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): Springs Restoration Grant

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? 01/01/2021