



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2205

**1. Title of Project:** Escambia County Northwest Florida Estuary Programs

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/19/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Estuary Programs are a locally-driven, non-regulatory effort to identify and solve issues facing a bay and watershed, based on objective, scientific information. Estuary Programs work collaboratively to develop action plans and identify critical projects which address issues and improve water quality, habitat, and living resources while enhancing the ecosystem services, community resilience and economy of the watersheds. The proposed project will develop Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans for Perdido, Pensacola, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew, and St. Joe Bays, which will include methods for addressing watershed management, stormwater abatement, water quality improvement, flood hazard reduction, dirt road paving to reduce sediment discharge into the bays, habitat preservation and restoration, community outreach and education, recreational enhancements, and establishing and implementing structural and non-structural best management practices throughout the entire watershed.

**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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</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)	1,500,000	42.86%
Federal	2,000,000	57.14%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1500000

#### 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	Each Estuary Program will be appropriated \$100,000 to complete activities associated with developing Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, or long-term strategic action plans, for Pensacola, Perdido, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew, and St. Joe Bays.	300,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Each Estuary Program will be appropriated \$400,000 to complete activities associated with implementing water quality improvement projects identified in the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans for Pensacola, Perdido, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew, and St. Joe Bays.	1,200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of this project is to identify and construct water quality improvement projects identified and vetted by stakeholders for the comprehensive management and improvement of water quality, habitat, natural resources, and the economy of the Perdido, Pensacola, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew, and St. Joe Bay watersheds.

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

The \$1.5 million appropriation from the Legislature will leverage federal funding, build partnerships and trust between the public and private sectors, implement pilot projects, provide regional collaboration and restoration of our critical estuaries, and will strive to minimize the impacts associated with the devastating algae blooms plaguing the State of Florida.

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



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Mini-grants to support neighborhood projects improving water quality, habitat, natural resources, and the economy of Perdido, Pensacola, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew, and St. Joe Bays.

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

Estuary Programs stretch federal dollars by engaging diverse partners, including residents, farmers, fishermen, colleges and universities, utilities, tourists, restaurants, state agencies, local governments, industry, and community organizations.

**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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**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:**

- a. Name:** Taylor "Chips" Kirschenfeld
- b. Organization:** Escambia County Board of County Commissioners
- c. E-mail Address:** jtkirsche@myescambia.com
- d. Phone Number:** (850)595-1630

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. Organization:** Escambia County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County:** Escambia
- 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:** Matt Posner



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e. **E-mail Address:** mjposner@myescambia.com

f. **Phone Number:** (850)595-0820

#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name:** Richard Gentry

b. **Firm Name:** Gentry and Associates, LLC

c. **E-mail Address:** rgentry@comcast.net

d. **Phone Number:** (850)251-1837

#### 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

#### 18. What is the status of construction? N/A

#### 19. What percentage of construction has been completed? N/A

#### 20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? April 1, 2021