



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1188

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will remove muck accumulations from the Eau Gallie Causeway (State Road 518) area of the Indian River Lagoon via environmental restoration dredging. This area has about 800,000 cubic yards of decaying muck smothering 250 acres of Indian River Lagoon downstream of a large tributary discharge area recently restored/dredged by the SJRWMD. The project is a priority for removing muck that depletes oxygen, feeds algal blooms and prevents healthy seagrass habitats. Lagoon restoration provides a large return on investment based on a 2016 Brevard study that found a 20:1 ratio and a Regional Planning Council study that found a 33:1 return.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="13,828,272"/>
Total State Funds Requested	13,828,272

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="13828272"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="58.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="10,020,487"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="42"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	23,848,759	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction plus construction oversight. State and federal permits are issued. Bid package is in final review. Dredging will begin in summer of 2020. Dredging is anticipated to take 2 years with seasonal shut downs for manatee protection.	13,828,272
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		13,828,272



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11. Program Performance

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

Decomposing mucky sediments will be environmentally dredged from 250 acres of the Indian River Lagoon to expose clean sediments for restoring historic seagrass and marine life habitat. Muck removal will also improve water clarity and water quality, reducing the risk of algal blooms and fish kills.

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

Environmental dredging of muck, dewatering of the dredged slurry at a large dredge material management site leased from Florida Inland Navigation District, advanced treatment of the return water (exceeding the standards for advanced wastewater treatment) before it is discharged to the lagoon, and use of the solids as a soil amendment or landfill daily cover.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Restoration of healthy sediments for seagrass and marine habitat; reduced turbidity, total suspended solids, nutrient release, sulfuric acid and oxygen demand; improved water clarity, water quality, light penetration, and dissolved oxygen levels; decreased potential and severity for algal blooms and fish kills.

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

The entire population of Brevard County (~600,000), tourists engaging in lagoon-dependent activities as well as local and state economic sectors tied to the health of the Indian River Lagoon.

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

The expected benefit of this project is the reduction of nutrient input, turbidity, and total suspended solids from muck in the Indian River Lagoon. Muck area, volume and associated nutrient content removed from the lagoon will be measured in acres, cubic yards and tons. Water quality improvements (nutrient concentrations, water clarity, turbidity, total suspended solids, light penetration, dissolved oxygen, and bloom levels) will be recorded pre- and post-project at long-term water quality monitoring stations located near the project. Return water will be tested frequently for nutrient concentration and clarity.

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?

The contracted agency's performance will be taken into account for future solicitation of this type of work.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

The site is sovereign submerged land held in trust by the State of Florida for the public. Brevard County will contribute matching funds and staff resources to oversee the project benefiting sovereign submerged lands, outstanding state waters, marine life, public health, and dependent local and state economies.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

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

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- 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?**

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.