



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1194

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

The Monroe County Keys-wide Mobile Vessel Pump Out Program (Program) provides free pump out service to vessels in areas or situations where suitable pump out facilities are not readily available. The Program, which began in 2013, protects the pristine waters of the Florida Keys and the valuable marine ecosystem by ensuring that the high numbers of boaters that come to the Keys comply with the No Discharge Zone that encompasses all the Florida Keys waters and properly dispose of their vessel sewage. The Program pumps out approximately 400,000 gallons of vessel sewage each year, that may otherwise end up in the water column. Since the program's inception, over 2 million gallons of sewage have been diverted from the Keys' waters. The Program is instrumental in maintaining water quality in the Keys and protecting the coral reef, seagrasses, fish and wildlife in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="750,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="750,000"/>

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 type="text" value="750000"/>	<input type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="750,000"/>	<input type="text" value="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 type="text" value="2018-19"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="750,000"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Monroe County contracts with vendor (Pump Out USA) to provide the pump out service	750,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The pristine waters of the Florida Keys attract high numbers of boaters from all over the State and Country. These waters are all part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and house one of the most unique and sensitive marine ecosystems in the world, which supports highly valuable recreational and commercial fishing industries and tourist economy. Monroe County implemented the Keys-wide Mobile Pump Out Program ("Program") in 2013 to incentivize/encourage boaters' compliance with the requirements of Federal No Discharge Zone (which encompasses all of the waters surrounding the Florida Keys) in order to safeguard the quality of the Keys' waters. The Program has been hugely successful and has diverted over 2 million gallons of vessel sewage from Keys' waters.

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

The Program provides weekly pump out services (at no charge in order to incentivize use) to vessels throughout the Florida Keys, in order to help them comply with the regulations of the No Discharge Zone. Diverting 2.1 million gallons of vessel sewage since the start of the program in 2013, the Program plays an important role in protecting the quality of water and the special marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys.

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

The Program will deliver the same service it has over the past 12 months: it will provide approximately 26,400 pump outs to 3,200 vessels throughout the 100 miles of the Florida Keys, and divert approximately 412,000 gallons of vessel sewage from the water.

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

The Program provides sewage pump out service to approximately 3,200 vessels in areas or situations where suitable pump out facilities are not readily available. The Program is provided and operated in a manner that encourages boaters to properly and legally pump out their vessel in compliance with regulations of the No Discharge Zone, and furthermore encourages marinas to become self-sufficient in the provision of pump out services to their paying customers.

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

The Program's success is measured by the number of pump outs, the number of vessels serviced and the number of gallons of sewage collected and diverted from Keys' waters. The Program's minimum monthly quota is now 2,200 pump outs, which began October 1, 2019.

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?

Monroe County recognizes that program performance and success is critical to current and future funding assistance from the State for the program. The County has operated this program for 6 years. Each year it has exceeded its deliverables, increasing the number of pump outs, the number of vessels served and the number of gallons of vessel sewage collected and diverted. We anticipate meeting the deliverables, and the funding assistance from the State is reimbursement-based, so we only receive State's funding for the services when they have been provided. Should we fail to meet deliverables, the State may also consider withholding future program assistance.



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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.

N/A

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.