



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2239

1. **Project Title** Northwest Florida Estuary Programs - St. Andrew/St. Joe Bays Estuary Program2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer3. **Date of Request** 01/07/20204. **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 are being initiated in Northwest Florida. Local governments are cooperating to establish programs in three areas - Pensacola/Perdido, Choctawhatchee, and St. Andrew/St. Joe bays. Separate local funding requests are being made for each of these programs. At least 20 local governments, agencies and organizations have documented their support for the St. Andrew/St. Joe Bays Estuary Program.

The purpose of this local funding initiative request for St. Andrew/St. Joe Bays Estuary Program is to 1) provide the Estuary Program with water quality data essential to developing a long-term strategic action plan to prioritize and address water quality projects and 2) to implement pilot projects to demonstrate the benefits of the Estuary Program.

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 200,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 300,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 500,000 |

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) | 500000 | 52.0 % |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 460,000 | 48 % |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 00 | 0 % |
| Local | 00 | 0 % |
| Other | 00 | 0 % |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 | 960,000 | 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 | | |
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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 165,000



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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 | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Water quality monitoring, analysis and reporting to identify and prioritize root causes of nutrients and bacteria in waterways, to decrease response time to bathing beaches water quality issues, and to help set priorities in the strategic action plan. | 200,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Improvements to hard and soft infrastructure for water quality that will also serve as demonstration projects for public outreach and education on actions to improve bay and gulf water quality. | 300,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 500,000 |



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11. Program Performance

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

1) provide the Estuary Program with water quality data essential to developing a long-term strategic action plan to prioritize and address water quality projects and 2) to implement pilot projects to demonstrate the benefits of the Estuary Program.

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

Water quality monitoring, analysis and reporting.
Improvements to water quality infrastructure.

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

Water quality monitoring, analysis and reporting to identify and prioritize root causes of nutrients and bacteria in waterways, to decrease response time to bathing beaches water quality issues, and to help set priorities in the Estuary Program strategic action plan.
Water quality hard and soft infrastructure improvements that will also serve as demonstration projects for public outreach and education on actions to improve bay and gulf water quality.

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

Target population is the citizens of the St. Andrew/St. Joe bays watershed and all visitors to the area. The Bay County Chamber of Commerce reports that 17 million tourists visit the area annually.

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

The amount of water quality monitoring will increase, as measured by the number of monitoring sites and frequency of monitoring. The information will be used to help determine waterways improvement priorities, as will be represented in the Estuary Program strategic action plan.
Water quality will be improved as measured by monitoring of sites where water quality hard and soft infrastructure improvements are made.
Health of beach visitors will be aided as measured by the increase in the number of water quality samples and increased number of opportunities to inform the public of the water quality.
Better water quality from this project and related estuary program water quality improvement initiatives are expected to improve economic opportunity and tourism as measured by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Tourist Development Councils.

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?

Funding is proposed to be a reimbursement agreement with required deliverables. Failure to provide deliverables will result in denied related reimbursement requests.



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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.**

Bay County Board of County Commissioners will receive the money. FCO will be spent on county or municipality facilities.

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.