



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1622

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Moccasin Slough, located off of Highway 17, is a 255-acre park which allows visitors to explore miles of trails, one of which has 8 fitness stations along the path. A new boardwalk and tower is requested to allow increased access to the park.

Clay County will construct a 6,800 ft boardwalk and wildlife observation area with five raised platforms/observation decks. Clay County has contracted GAI Consultants to provide Engineering, Architectural, and Appraisal services to design an elevated boardwalk with observation decks to include a secondary egress. The consultant has provided 90% plans for the project, as well as a modified plans that include a phased approach.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	31%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	200,000	2%
Local	6,500,000	67%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	9,700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The County received CARES, ARPA, and COVID-19 related grant funding for a broad range of public health and economic recovery projects related to the pandemic.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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 park is a County owned and operated facility.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Capital outlay for the construction of the boardwalk and observation decks/towers	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The increased capacity will allow for increased use and access to pavilions, nature trails, playgrounds, and restrooms.

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



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The trails, playgrounds, fitness stations, and covered pavilions provide access to explore and enjoy the county through outdoor experiences.

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

Hiking, fitness training, education, and community gatherings.

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

Clay County, Florida (Population 218,245)

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

Increased park usage and access to nature and recreation. The Parks and Recreation Department will measure visitor usage and attendance through surveys and public programming.

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 the contract?

The local government is responsible for conforming with all federal and state regulations governing the program. All local governments must comply with federal regulations and certify that, if funded, they will comply with all applicable laws and requirements.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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