



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2133

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

St. Lucie County is seeking assistance to open the 33-acre preserve, purchased in 2015 for \$457,533 to the public and provide ADA and sensory friendly infrastructure including entrance signage, parking areas, kiosks, interpretive signage, trails, boardwalks, restroom, river observation areas, outdoor classroom, nature playground, kayak launch and picnic facilities. This site will be the County's first inclusive design preserve with river access and will provide amenities specially designed for people with unique abilities and special needs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	800,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,600,000	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

St. Lucie County received CARES Act and American Rescue Plan funding to assist in the pandemic response.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 2024

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.

St. Lucie County Board of County Commission.

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	Signage (educational, wayfinding, etc.) \$50,000; ADA Parking areas, nature trails, trailheads \$200,000; Outdoor classroom \$300,000; Nature Playgrounds (run & climb areas, ADA swings, musical meadow, quiet reflection areas (benches, large rocks, etc.), etc.) \$200,000; Boardwalks/river observation docks \$500,000; Kayak Launch \$50,000; restroom \$300,000 - Total = \$1.6. requesting 50%	800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The end product will be a preserve that is open to all public with ADA trails for walking, hiking, and biking, ADA river access for kayaking and fishing, areas specifically designed for sensory friendly needs (touch/tactile stimulation, quiet reflection areas away from stimuli, etc.) bird watching, playing, and general enjoyment of nature.

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

33 acre preserve, adjacent to the North Fork of the SL River, will be open to the public and provide an array of ADA accessible passive recreation (hiking, fishing, nature enjoyment, etc) & preserved/managed in perpetuity primarily for ecological health providing ecological services benefits (clean air, carbon sequestration, aquifer recharge, water quality improvements, wildlife habitat, etc).

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

ADA trails for walking, hiking, and biking, ADA river access for kayaking and fishing, areas specifically designed for sensory friendly needs (touch/tactile stimulation, quiet reflection areas away from stimuli, etc.) bird watching, playing, and general enjoyment of nature.

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

All persons, and especially those with unique abilities.

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

To have a preserve open to all public, especially to those with unique abilities.

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?

Non-compliance with granting agencies would jeopardize the county's standing and the ability to leverage funds.

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



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☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number