



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3295

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Northwest Florida Water Restoration and Preservation Program (WRAPP) will include recurring programmatic support and grants, administered by the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) in the amount of \$15 million each year. The WRAPP will provide support and fund programs and implementable projects consistent with Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) plans created by the NFWFMD; Estuary Programs' Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMP); as well as other Clean Water Act, state Basin Management Action Plans and Total Maximum Daily Loads, as well as regional and local plans intended to remediate or protect water quality and habitat. Eligible projects for grants also include: Oyster, Seagrass and Coastal Habitat Restoration and Protection Projects; Septic Tank Remediation and other Wastewater improvements; and Acquisition of Riparian Easement to assist with buffer zones.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	12,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>

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)	15,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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.

## 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.

This is a grant program, so specific projects will be dependent upon approval by the NFWFMD to be constructed in various regions of the district.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted consultants to work with NFWFMD staff to implement the grant program. Data Monitoring and Investigations Team - DMIT - this team of members from the estuary programs, regional planning councils, coastal counties and NFWFMD will act in an advisory capacity to identify data, planning and monitoring water quality gaps throughout the region to identify redundancies. This team will prioritize projects for grant funding. The team should also work with the UWF Water Quality Research Center	2,250,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The Grant program will work to leverage regional applications for NFWF, NRDA, EPA water quality grants, Coastal Habitat Restoration and Protection projects, Septic Tank Remediation, SWIM projects, and Acquisition of Riparian Easement.	12,750,000



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>
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**14. Program Performance**

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

The Grant program will work to leverage regional applications for NFWF, NRDA, EPA water quality grants, Coastal Habitat Restoration and Protection projects, Septic Tank Remediation, SWIM projects, and Acquisition of Riparian Easement. This coordinated effort will protect coastal communities and habitat in Northwest Florida.

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

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

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

Over 1 million residents in the coastal counties of Northwest Florida.

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

Coastal communities will have improved water quality and environment

**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?**

Withholding payments or assessing potential financial damages.

**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**



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Water Management District

**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**

**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

**18. 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

**19. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**20. What is the status of construction?**



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N/A

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

N/A