



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1912

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is to remove toppled trees and log jams, which will in turn increase waterway navigation, protect the Chipola River fishery, and lessen embankment erosion and flooding. This will allow citizens and visitors to be able to safely navigate the river for fishing, floating or other recreational activities that support the local economy without the concern of debris causing safety issues. It will also improve water quality by returning the river to its pristine state.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	5,000,000	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?

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



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CARES Act Funds - \$2,485,816 - body temp kiosks, sneeze guards, ambulance, COVID testing machines and kits, message boards, cleaning supplies and public health and safety employee salaries. ARP funds \$2,739,731 - loss of revenue

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?

10/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/1/2024

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.

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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	Remove debris from the Chipola River	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

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



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This project will involve the planning, debris cleanup/removal, and debris monitoring of the Chipola River. Inspections post removal will also be completed to ensure all fallen debris and log jams are eliminated.

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

The services provided by this project will allow citizens and visitors to be able to safely navigate the river for fishing, floating or other recreational activities that support the local economy without the concern of debris causing safety issues and the nutrient and water height levels will resume to normal levels to protect water quality, wildlife, and property along the river.

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

General population of Calhoun County in its entirety as well as surround counties.

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

The removal of the debris will allow for cleaner water by lessening the chance of harmful pollution and algal growth which can impact public health and the local economy. Stagnant water caused by the log jams traps sediment, nutrients, and particles accumulate, increasing the chances of harmful pollution and algal growth. This will be measured by water quality testing.

The Chipola River is one of Calhoun County's greatest attractions for tourists. When cleaned, this beautiful area will bring in visitors from anywhere for a relaxing environment. The Chipola River also features the only naturally reproducing population of shoal bass in the state, drawing many fishermen. This could be measured by increased revenue in local businesses.

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 County will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures should funding be made available.

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

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)
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- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?