



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3052

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding for the purchase of a Weedo/Truxor workboat to allow the Collier County Stormwater Maintenance Section to control vegetation in canals and waterways throughout Collier County using mechanical harvesting methodology in lieu of chemical spraying. This workboat will allow staff to help maintain critical stormwater infrastructure and improve stormwater flow while improving water quality.

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	110,000
Total State Funds Requested	110,000

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)	110,000	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	110,000	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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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 1, 2023.

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 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	The State funds will be expended by purchasing a Weedo/Truxor workboat and accompanying accessories.	110,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		110,000

14. Program Performance

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

To ensure the stormwater system performs at its designed capacity to avoid potential flooding or damage throughout the County. The purchase of this workboat will help Stormwater Maintenance staff proactively address problem areas throughout the County by utilizing mechanical harvesting methods and reducing the need for the spraying of aquatic plants. This proactive vegetative maintenance will give Stormwater Maintenance the best opportunity to keep the stormwater system in a condition that allows it to perform to the best of its ability. The County has a secure location to store the equipment appropriately, and necessary equipment to transport the workboat to needed areas.

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



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Mechanical removal of vegetation to reduce the need for chemical spraying.

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

The major benefit of purchasing the workboat is the ability to proactively maintain the areas that need vegetation removal and treatment and to do so in an environmentally friendly manner. This will avoid paying the additional costs for a contractor to go into these areas and remove the vegetation or kill it by spraying. Citizens of Collier County will benefit by having a proactively maintained stormwater system operating at its designed capacity, while utilizing environmentally friendly practices.

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

The entire population of 400,000 residents in unincorporated Collier County benefits from the purchase of the Weedo/Truxor workboat as the stormwater system is an integrated and interconnected system that affects everywhere throughout the county.

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

All of the stormwater canals and ponds throughout Collier County have the propensity for major vegetation overgrowth which both compromise the storage capacity and flow for our stormwater system. It is critical that we have this piece of equipment to help aid in cutting and removing this vegetation to maintain the flow ways throughout Collier County and allow maximum stormwater flow. The methodology that will measure the amount of time used and material excavated will all be tracked through the county's asset management system. Improved water flow quantity and reduced flooding will be used to measure effectiveness.

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?

Withdrawal of some or all appropriated funds for failing to meet agreed-upon deliverables or performance measures.

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