



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3009

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Through partnership with the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance of Northwest Florida State College and the Choctawhatchee Bay Estuary Program, Walton County is proposing a Choctawhatchee Resiliency Center to allow for regional access to supplies and resources needed to construct living shorelines and other nature-based solutions for shoreline protection and resiliency planning in Northwest Florida. The proposed project will include the planning, design and permitting of a resiliency center on property located near Churchill Bayou in Walton County, Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 1,789,614 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,789,614 |

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) | 1,789,614 | 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 2024-2025 | 1,789,614 | 100% |

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?

Yes



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

Walton County was allocated the following federal assistance with related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

CARES Act Funding = \$12.9 Million
 American Rescue Plan Act Funding + \$14.4 Million
 CARES ACT Funding specifically for housing assistance = \$169,460
 Local Tribal Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund = \$100,000.00

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Based on funding.

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Based on funding.

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.

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance will be the owners of the facility when construction is complete.

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 | Planning, design, permitting of a regional resiliency center on property located near Churchill Bayou in Walton County, Florida. | 1,789,614 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,789,614 |

14. Program Performance

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



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Create a regional resiliency center that can supply materials such as plants and oyster shell for living shoreline and nature based solution construction projects throughout Northwest Florida.

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

The proposed phase 1 of the project will include the planning, design, and permitting of a regional resiliency center that will supply materials for living shorelines and nature based solution projects throughout the Northwest Florida area.

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

The facility once complete will help supply materials to help waterfront property owners throughout the Northwest Florida area become more resilient and withstand sea level rise and stronger storms.

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

Property owners throughout Northwest Florida. >800

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

The proposed project is Phase I including planning, design, permitting of a regional resiliency center for Northwest Florida. The outcome will be the final permits issued for construction.

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?

If Walton County fails to meet the deliverable to this appropriation all funds will be returned to the State.

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**



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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?