



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2406

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Acquire tracts of land to create a floodplain on the West Side of Flagler County and prioritizing land located in the Florida Wildlife Corridor to preserve, protect or enhance wildlife habitats. The majority focus of our program will go towards identifying willing sellers and negotiating for the acquisition of properties. Creating a natural floodplain will provide flood risk reduction benefits by slowing runoff and storing flood water. It will also provide other benefits of considerable economic, social, and environmental value to include:

- Fish and wildlife habitat protection
- Natural flood and erosion control
- Surface water quality maintenance
- Groundwater recharge
- Biological productivity
- Higher quality recreational opportunities

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>10,000,000</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)	10,000,000	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>10,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**



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State and/or Federal Grants

**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

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

CARES ACT, EMPG COVID, Public Assistance: Emergency Protective Measures  
ARPA: Emergency Protective Measures, Infrastructure Improvements, Revenue XXXX

## 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.**

Flagler County, Board of County Commissioners

**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		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase land using the Environmentally Sensitive Land list of available properties with priority to purchase land within the wildlife corridor.	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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



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To acquire tracts of land throughout Flagler County identified by our Land Acquisition Committee, a citizens advisory group. Focusing on properties within the Florida Wildlife Corridor that have been vetted and approved by our LAC, preference will be applied to floodplain preservation to complement local, regional and statewide resilience efforts and to provide long-lasting habitat support for wildlife and recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors.

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

Acquire land through fee-simple and less-than-fee acquisitions when possible. Flagler County will be able to continue to conserve and maintain high quality ecological services to support nature-based resiliency with regards to water quality, flood storage, and high-quality conservation-based experiences that our community relies on for its health and well-being.

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

Conserve natural lands that will provide flood risk reduction benefits by slowing runoff and storing flood water through the conservation of natural floodplains. It will also support maintenance of high-quality drinking water through the preservation of floodplains and provide conservation based experiences that our community relies on for its health and well-being.

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

The target population is the general population of the county (130K).

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

Identified conservation lands will provide certain environmental benefits for outdoor recreation, floodplain management, and environmental resilience. They also provide opportunities to continue silvicultural practices and provide opportunities for outdoor learning laboratories to study timber practices, water quality, wildlife, etc. Finally, it will provide a level of protection of source waters in order to maintain a safe and abundant drinking water supply. The measures will include increased use of recreational areas on conservation land and continued availability of clean, high quality drinking water extracted from in-county sources.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- 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**