



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1890

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will support ongoing efforts to stabilize and improve the valuable nearshore and littoral habitat of Lake Okeechobee's eastern shoreline and increase the long-term resilience of the Herbert Hoover Dike. The project will include final design and construction of valuable near-shore/littoral habitat within Lake Okeechobee. Project benefits will include habitat improvements, water quality improvements and overall system health improvements to aid in recovery from recent years of blue-green algae blooms.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 1,600,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,600,000 |

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) | 1,600,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 1,600,000 | 50% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 3,200,000 | 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.

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES Act funds from the US Treasury in the amount of \$261 million dollars. Funding was spent entirely for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID-19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel. Palm Beach received approximately \$290 million in American Rescue Plan funding for pandemic-related service and infrastructure projects.

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?

12/31/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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 | Fixed capital costs (construction activities including placement of clean material for habitat restoration, installation of rip-rap revetment and planting of native vegetation. | 1,600,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,600,000 |

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?

Project will include shoreline restoration activities including the construction of various submerged, emergent, and littoral habitats.

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

Funds will be utilized entirely for capital costs associated with finalization of project design and subsequent construction activities.

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

The target population served by this effort includes the numerous residents and countless visitors of Palm Beach County.

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

Benefits will include the creation of near-shore freshwater littoral habitat to improve the water quality, ecological conditions and coastal resiliency of Lake Okeechobee. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring, and the acreage of habitat created/restored.

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?

Return of funding to 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



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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?