



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2014

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Lake Apopka is being choked out by the invasive aquatic weed, hydrilla. More than one third of Florida's 4th largest lake is infested with the rapid-growing plant, crowding out native vegetation and impeding flood management. A one-time treatment of 8,000 acres of hydrilla will allow FWC to get into a more predictable, cost-effective "monitor & control" program. SJRWMD will replace the invasive weed with native aquatic vegetation.

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	4,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	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	4,000,000	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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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)?

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.

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	Invasive aquatic plant control subcontractor.	4,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The removal of 8,000 acres of invasive hydrilla will allow FWC to begin a more cost-effective "monitor & control program which will keep hydrilla at a manageable level in years to come. It will also allow SJRWMD to plant substantially more native aquatic vegetation in Lake Apopka.

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

A qualified invasive aquatic plant removal subcontractor will perform the task.

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



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Improved flood management and increased native aquatic vegetation in Florida's 4th largest lake. Taxpayers will realize a more stable, and affordable annual treatment plan to keep hydrilla at bay.

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

Lake Apopka is the headwaters of the Ocklawaha River basin. Improved flood management and increased native aquatic vegetation benefits the entire Ocklawaha Basin and Central Florida.

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

Improved flood management and increased native aquatic vegetation in Florida's 4th largest lake and subsequently, improved water quality in the Ocklawaha River Basin.

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 State contracting penalty clauses.

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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number