



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1177

1. **Title of Project:** Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lori Berman

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/31/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) was created to define and evaluate the status of the entire watershed and propose actions that would improve and protect the natural resources within the lagoon and watershed. LWLI is supported by Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Inland Navigation District and the League of Cities, which have endorsed the LWL Management Plan to restore the Lagoon. This plan includes projects to restore sea grasses, mangroves and oysters, cap muck sediments, construct storm water control projects, and septic-to-sewer conversions. Revitalizing this important water body provides long-term environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region. Each State dollar is matched at the local level on a minimum 50:50 cost-share basis. Through this program, over \$22 million in State funds and \$65 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,442,391
Total State Funds Requested	3,442,391

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,442,391	45.1%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	4,197,391	54.9%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	7,639,782	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2016-17		2,000,000	HB2703	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 3442391

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	CCNA contracts for continuation of long-term monitoring and data collection.	225,668
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs	3,216,723
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,442,391

11. Program Performance:

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

Funds requested will support capital construction, restoration projects and monitoring efforts designed to improve water quality, habitat quality and coastal resiliency within the Lake Worth Lagoon. The Steering Committee of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative, consisting of local government representatives as well as representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District, ranked the proposed projects based on priority need and beneficial impact to the Lake Worth Lagoon.

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

Projects include storm water system improvements to reduce runoff and sediment loading into Lake Worth Lagoon, septic-to sewer conversions to eliminate leaching from drainfields, restoration projects to create and enhance habitat within the Lagoon, land acquisition and monitoring efforts. Funds will be utilized primarily for capital costs associated with the various projects, with a small percentage utilized to continue long-term monitoring efforts vital to assessing the health of the system and driving decisions on management and stewardship efforts.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality and coastal resilience.

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



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The target population served by this effort and associated projects includes the residents and numerous visitors of Palm Beach County and the local marine industry.

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 reduction of nutrient and sediment loading into Lake Worth Lagoon, along with the creation of coastal habitat to improve the water quality, ecological conditions and coastal resiliency of the Lagoon. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring, the acreage of habitat created/restored and the acreage of private habitat acquired for conservation/preservation efforts.

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 in the contract?

None. The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative has a documented track record of success related to performance measures and deliverables associated with funds appropriated to support these efforts. Through this program's minimum 50:50 match commitment from participants, over \$22 million in State funds and \$65 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

As a partner of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative, Palm Beach County serves as the vessel for the request of funding. Owners to receive funding by way of this request include Palm Beach County, the City of West Palm Beach, the City of Lake Worth and the Town of Hypoluxo.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Palm Beach County
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Palm Beach County
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)

- d. **Contact Name:** Deborah Drum



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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. 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

18. What is the status of construction? Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 7/01/2020