



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1316

1. Title of Project: Homosassa River Restoration Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Wilton Simpson

3. Date of Submission: 01/30/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Project goal is to restore the critical Homosassa springshed habitat and Outstanding Waterway by removing filamentous algae and decaying benthic detrital and replanting desirable Submerged Aquatic Vegetation. Project will increase water clarity, oxygen levels, and habitat for fish and other wildlife, including the manatee.

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	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	99.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	20,000	1.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,020,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Project Administration/Accounting/ Public Information to be administered by our organization, HRRP. Ptoject Administration included oversight of the project as it relates to the DEP contract requirements. Public Information included, but is not limited, to supplying and directing information about the project to the media, local government officials, other state agencies, citizens, other stakeholders, and schools.	150,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractor providing vacuum removal services, planting SAV, cages, monitoring, and maintenance. This also includes any land lease costs, mobilization and demobilization performed by same contractor.	1,850,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Homosassa River is a first magnitude spring and designated an Outstanding Florida Waterway which has been identified as a priority waterbody by SWIM. It has been listed as impaired for nutrients and filamentous algae by FDEP and USEPA. The goal is to restore water quality by vacuum removal of filamentous algae (Lyngbya) and benthic detrital matter and planting of desirable submerged aquatic vegetation.

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

Contractor providing vacuum removal services, planting SAV, cages, monitoring, and maintenance. This also includes any land lease costs, mobilization and demobilization performed by same contractor.

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

Tourism industry is one of the largest economic drivers in the region. Loss of Water Quality (clarity) associated with current conditions and degrading habitat conditions could potentially cause a collapse of this economy. Improvements proposed by this project will help to improve and maintain condition's for which residents, local, regional, national, international tourists come to expect.

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

While Citrus County, specifically Homosassa and Crystal River, will be the main benefactor the positive impact to tourism will be state wide as the area is visited by state, national, and international tourists who plan a multitude of tourism activities while visiting Citrus County Project is expected to create some local short term



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jobs and advantages for the local economy as workers will require work supplies, lodging, food, entertainment, etc..

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

Removal of filamentous algae (toxic) benthic algal mats is a nutrient (nitrogen source or sink) that will be removed from river (measured in Tons of N) Water Clarity > 20 feet river wide and >60 feet at springs. Coverage of Desirable SAV (75%-90%) Coverage of Invasive aq vegetation including filamentous algae <10% Environmental harm is currently represented in the form of overabundant filamentous algae and their blooms, decaying benthic detrital matter and high nitrogen/nutrients in river which can lead to health concerns such as skin rashes and respiratory problems

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?

Loss of funds.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Stephen Minguy
- b. **Organization:** Homosassa River Restoration Project Inc
- c. **E-mail Address:** sminguy@aol.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)832-1598

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Homosassa River Restoration Project Inc.
- b. **County:** Citrus
- 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:** Stephen Minguy
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information



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- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**

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 to begin

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 2024