



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1418

1. Title of Project: Monroe County Vessel Pump Out Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 01/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Monroe County Mobile Vessel Pump Out Program (Program) provides free pump out service to anchor-outs and vessels at marinas which do not currently have pump out facilities. The Program, which began in 2013, protects the pristine waters of the Florida Keys and the valuable marine ecosystem by ensuring that the high numbers of live-aboard boaters that come to the Keys comply with the No Discharge Zone that encompasses all the Florida Keys waters and properly disposed of their vessel sewage. The Program pumps out approximately 400,000 gallons of vessel sewage each year, that may otherwise end up in the water column. Since the program's inception, millions of gallons of sewage has been diverted from the Keys' waters. The Program is instrumental in maintaining water quality in the Keys and providing for a clean, healthy marine environment in the waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

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	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	63.7%
Federal	180,000	15.3%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	247,440	21.0%
Other		0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,177,440	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		277,650		

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 750,000

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	Monroe County has Pumpout USA under contract for the pumpout service at an annual cost of \$875,760. Monroe County anticipates expanding the service in State FY'20, with an associated annual cost of 1,177,440.	750,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The pristine waters of the Florida Keys attract high numbers of boaters from all over the State and Country. These waters are all part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and house one of the most unique and sensitive marine ecosystems in the world, which supports highly valuable recreational and commercial fishing industries, and tourist economy. Monroe County implemented this program in 2013 to assist boaters in complying with the No Discharge Zone requirements and protect water quality. The program has been hugely successful and has diverted over 1.7M gallons of vessel sewage from Keys waters. It is now the largest such program in the State. Legislative funding will help augment County funds and Clean Vessel Act funds to pay for the mobile vessel pump out program, and enable a further expansion of the service to meet the increasing demand.

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

Weekly pumpout services are provided (at no charge in order to incentivize use) to liveaboard and cruising vessels throughout the Florida Keys, in order to help them comply with the regulations of the No Discharge Zone in Keys waters. Diverting 1.7M gallons of vessel sewage since the start of the program in 2013, the program plays an important role in protecting the quality of the waters and the sensitive marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys.



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

Services are provided to approx 3,000 vessels (both liveaboards and cruising boaters) who do not have access to shore side pump out facilities, throughout the 100 miles of Florida Keys. In 2018, the program provided 27,000 pumpouts and diverted almost 400,000 gal of vessel sewage from our waters.

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

Both liveaboard and cruising boaters will be provided free weekly pumpout, assisting the boaters in complying with regulations of the No Discharge Zone in Monroe County waters to protect the quality of our waters. The pumpout service serves 3,000 vessel owners that may not otherwise have convenient availability to shoreside pumpout facilities to ensure that their vessel sewage is properly collected and diverted from entering the waters surrounding the Florida Keys.

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

The success of the pump out program is measured by the number of pump outs performed monthly/annually. Monroe County anticipates expanding the program by increasing the monthly quota from 1,800 to 2,200 pumpouts per month.

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?

Monroe County recognizes that program success (pumpout numbers and quality service) is critical to current and future funding assistance from the State for the program. The County has operated this program for 5 years. Each year it has exceeded its deliverables, increasing the numbers of pumpouts, number of vessels services, and number of gallons of vessel sewage collected. We do not anticipate not meeting the deliverables. If the program should fail to meet its deliverables, then the State could consider withholding future support.

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.

NA

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Monroe County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Monroe
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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