



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2605

1. **Title of Project:** Apalachicola River Cleanup & Redevelopment Project

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/21/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Project would create jobs and serve as an economic catalyst in recently hurricane-ravaged area. Efforts would help diversify local economy following the loss of timber industry jobs. Proposed project would clean up former industrial sites to be redeveloped for marina, lodging, retail, recreation and tourism hub. Goal is to capitalize on natural resources of Apalachicola River and its unique ecosystem to create economic development opportunities, as well as add rural tourism capacity to the north Florida inland region.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>

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)	7,000,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		2,000,000	1606B	Yes

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Environmental testing, potential remediation, permitting, site plans, land use, construction development, landscape	1,000,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	Construction and renovation	6,000,000
Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>7,000,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Job creation, economic catalyst in aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Diversify local economy and offer new business and entrepreneur opportunities. Increase rural and inland tourism by capitalizing on natural resources, greenways and trails, and unique heritage.

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

Marina, lodging, retail, trail connectivity, river traffic support, job creation, eco-tourism. Activities will include hiking, walking, cycling, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, motor boating, fishing, shopping, dining, events, educational opportunities, conservation and protection of natural resources.

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

New and improved access to the Apalachicola River, only available lodging in county, recreational opportunities, and educational experiences.

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

Local community, tourists visiting Florida, travelers of the Apalachicola River; 15,000 annually

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

Successful project development would provide much needed economic boost to a county that must redefine itself after the decimation of the timber industry by Hurricane Michael. Calhoun County is also located in a Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) as well as part of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI).

**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?**

NA

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



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**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:** Calhoun County BOCC
- b. **County:** Calhoun
- 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:** Chelsea Snowden
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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
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