



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1649

1. Project Title DeSoto County Peace River Bank Restoration

2. Senate Sponsor Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request 02/18/2021

4. Project/Program Description

River bank restoration on the Peace River, abutting Morgan Park. Restoration will consist of a combination of hard armor and natural vegetation to restore and stabilize severely eroded embankments. The severe erosion has occurred as a result of Hurricane activity since 2004, which eliminated the natural vegetation. The bank has eroded in excess of 40 feet. Restoring the natural bank will return the river to a natural state and natural erosion pattern. The restoration will preserve the public park trail system within Morgan Park.

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

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	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 2021-2022	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The County has utilized NRCS (Federal Funds) for a similar project post Hurricane Irma. No alternative source has been identified for this project to date.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$6,630,880 CARES Act funding, through the State. Used for allowable uses, related specifically to COVID-19. Categories included: Public Health Expenses, Personal Protective Equipment, Small Business financial assistance, individual financial assistance, Food security programs, telework capability for public employees, housing assistance, substantially diverted personnel, public health/safety payroll.

11. 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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering and contracted restoration services	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Preservation of public park trail system and restoration of natural river flow and erosion pattern.

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

Activities will be limited to river bank restoration activities; engineering and contracted restoration services.

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

Preservation of public walking trails in Morgan Park along the Peace River.

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

The park is open to the general public at no cost. The trail system is heavily used as a local exercise/nature trail system by people of all types. The unnatural erosion pattern is an immediate threat to the wading trails and to the overall park.

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

Benefit: Stop unnatural rapid erosion. Measurement: monitored and recorded level of erosion pre and post project completion.

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?



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Loss of funding/rejected request for reimbursement.

- 13. 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.**

County Owned Park, public property river bank.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Waste Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☒ N/A

18. 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

19. What is the status of construction?

Not started

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2020