



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2027

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will reduce the volume of fresh water discharged to the tidal estuary of Dona Bay, reduce pollutant (nutrient) loads, and recharge groundwater aquifers threatened by saltwater intrusion. The requested funds will offset a portion of design and construction costs for an aquifer recharge project to recharge the Upper Floridan Aquifer. This is Phase 3 of the Dona Bay Watershed Restoration Project. Phases 1 & 2 were funded \$4,934,246 (State) & \$8,287,797 (County).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	8,787,797	91%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	9,687,797	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	0	4,934,246		No

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.

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.

County received CARES act funding received by the County was used to help small businesses and provide rental assistance

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	The requested funds will offset a portion of design and construction costs for an aquifer recharge project that will draw naturally-treated water to recharge the Upper Floridan Aquifer through a system of recharge wells, reducing the amount of pollutants (nutrients) that flush to tide following heavy rains and tropical events and contribute to harmful algae blooms (HABs).	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

N/A

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

- Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality
- Protect the general public from harm
- Improve transportation conditions
- Increase or improve economic activity
- Improve stormwater management
- Improve groundwater quality
- Improve surface water quality

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

Citizens of Sarasota County

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



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be measured?

- Improve water quality in estuaries and groundwater aquifers = Improve water quality in estuaries and groundwater aquifers
- Reduced post-storm pollution in estuaries = Surface water quality monitoring
- Improved water quality at Venice Inlet, home to three popular recreation destinations (North Jetty and South Jetty County Parks, and Snake Island) = Surface water quality monitoring; attendance/use counts at parks
- Improved water quality at Venice Inlet, home to three popular tourist destinations (North Jetty and South Jetty County Parks, and Snake Island) = Surface water quality monitoring; attendance/use counts at parks
- Capture, treat, retain, and slowly release excess stormwater = Stormwater volume and stage level monitoring
- Reverse effects of saltwater intrusion = Groundwater level and quality monitoring
- Reduce nutrients in estuaries = Surface water quality monitoring

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?

Denial of funding for items which fail to meet deliverables or performance measures. This is Phase 3 of the Dona Bay Watershed Restoration Project. Phases 1 & 2 were funded \$4,934,246 (State) & \$8,287,797 (County).

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.

Owner



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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)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Not Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2025