



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1395

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The objective of this project is to directly restore 22 acres of seagrass within the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) near Fort Pierce Inlet. This project also aims to contribute towards a long-term plan for restoring and conserving seagrass in the IRL by examining key factors that influence seagrass success including herbivory, vessel activity, light availability, salinity, and sedimentation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,400,000	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 2022-2023	1,400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	1,200,000	1607A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Grants have been acquired in the past but for no more than \$250k.

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

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



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11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Administration, Contracting, and Public Outreach	98,000
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	Nursery Grown Seagrass Production, Permitting, Installation, Protection, Maintenance	1,302,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,400,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this project is to restore 22 acres of lost seagrass meadows into the Indian River Lagoon near Fort Pierce Inlet. The benefits of seagrass meadows include critically important functions for fisheries production, reducing harmful algae blooms, sediment stabilization, absorbing nutrients, and coastal resilience.

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

The project funds will be used to permit and implement a seagrass restoration project. The benefits of the project will be communicated through public outreach campaigns. Seagrass for the project will be grown, planted, and protected in an area that has sufficient water quality for seagrass growth within the Indian River Lagoon.

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

Seagrass meadows are critical for good water quality, increase recreational opportunities, and reduce harmful algae blooms. Citizens will be directly benefited by the ecosystem services that seagrass provide.

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

This project will enhance the quality of the lagoon for all of its residents and the estimated 7.4 million tourists, that supply \$7.6 billion annually, who depend on a healthy lagoon.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to permanently restore seagrass meadows in the IRL utilizing scientifically validated techniques. Monthly maintenance and a three year monitoring program will take place to measure the success and outputs of this project.

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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If deliverables are not achieved, then funds should be withheld for nonperformance.

- 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.**

N/A



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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?

Construction has not began but design has been completed

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/1/2024