



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1429

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A total of 210 individual reef sites will be installed over a 500-acre project area located in Southwest Tampa Bay. The individual reef sites will contain five individual reefs installed in a diamond pattern. The reefs will be deployed in water depths between 8-to-20-feet. Once installed, the reef relief will provide up to 3-feet of support from the seafloor.

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	950,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	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	950,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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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\$ 248,041 in 2020 and \$231,601.81 in 2021 for Employee Services and Retainment

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	Project Admin, Contracting with State, Permitting, Procurement, Project Implementation, and Public Outreach	47,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Procure materials and fabricate 1,050 artificial reefs	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Permitting, Mobilization, Implementation, Reporting, and Demobilization	652,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

12. Program Performance

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

This project will create unique inshore habitat within the Tampa Bay Estuary to help combat ongoing water quality issues, the negative impacts of red tide, and other water quality impacts on the inshore fishing community.

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

Increased fishing opportunities will be provided, by the creation of habitat, in an area that has been impacted by red tide and other water quality issues. The project will provide small boat owners access to a fishery with excellent table fare, and significantly increase the fishing experience.

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

This project will improve economic activity by increasing fishing opportunities especially in the fall and winter throughout Tampa Bay. Anglers will continue to contribute to the local economy by not traveling outside of the area to catch and keep inshore species. Additionally, citizens will benefit from the natural resources produced and enhanced by the reefs.

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

The reefs will be installed in an area close to Ft. Desoto Park, one of the most popular beach and boating parks in the United States. This project will have direct positive impacts to the eco-tourism industry, recreational boating industry, real estate industry, and the tourism industry as each of these industries are dependent on healthy habitats, abundant fisheries, and clean water.

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

This project will bolster a new fishery in Tampa Bay which has been impacted by red tide and other water quality issues. Stakeholder engagement will be quantified through direct angler surveys.

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 in full, monies allocated to the deliverables should be withheld.

- 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.**

This is a public restoration project. No facility is owned.



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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