



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1745

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Thomas Creek borders between Nassau and Duval Counties. The Watershed is historically plagued within Nassau County for flood damage and many repetitive loss properties. Thomas Creek is also the headwaters of the State of Florida designated Nassau River - St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve. From 2008 to 2018 the County, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, executed a desnagging project at a cost of \$3,340,000. The desnagging project only provided short-term relief. From 2019 to 2022 Nassau County partnered with Us Army Corps of Engineers to execute a Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Study. The findings of the 2-year study were presented to the Nassau County BOCC in June of 2022. The study found the only viable long-term solution was to remove structures from the floodplain and return to lands to their natural state. This project will focus on land acquisition and demolition of all man made structures. The County has a 53% local match.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	6,000,000	74%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,120,000	14%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	8,120,000	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?** Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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Nassau County has allocated \$1,000,000 towards remediation. Nassau County is requesting \$1,000,000 from the State Legislature to match the County's \$1,000,000 allocation. It is the intent of Nassau County to combine the requested \$1,000,000 from the Legislature with the Local match of \$1,000,000 to leverage up to \$6,000,000 in Federal Grants. Without any Federal funding, an appropriation of \$1,000,000 represents a local match of 50% with the State.

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

Yes

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

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

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13. 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	Demolition of structures within floodplain and land acquisition	1,000,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	1,000,000
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14. Program Performance

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

In response to the study, Nassau County developed an Implementation Plan. The plan lays out a fifteen (15) year program with phase one representing the first 5-years of the program. Phase one consists of the acquisition, home demolition, and septic system removal of the most vulnerable properties within the Thomas Creek basin, based the Implementation Plan's ranking. This project not only removes septic tanks from the headwaters of the State of Florida designated Nassau River - St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve, it also removes repetitive loss properties from the State of Florida thus having a positive impact on property insurance liabilities. A secondary impact of re-establishing the floodplain is a positive influence on drainage in the remainder of the Thomas Creek basin as by providing additional flood plain storage.

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

Demolition of homes, septic, and structures along with reclamation as needed of the floodplain. Nassau County BOCC will also acquire the land to maintain the floodplain in its natural state.

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

Remove homes from the repetitive loss areas.

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

Nassau County citizens specifically residents of the Thomas Creek Watershed in Callahan.

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

The benefit is a restored floodplain and mitigation of repetitive loss homes. FEMA's cost benefit analysis will be used for each individual home, but the Planning Assistance to States Study reviewed the outcome in comparison to other structural solutions.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. 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

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?



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21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2040