



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2529

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) will utilize funds to implement the PPBEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) through the development of a multi-tiered bay-scale restoration initiative to support a sustainable oyster fishery and improved water quality. Funds will also support PPBEP's Community Grant Program, funding a suite of water quality improvements, habitat restoration, citizen science, community resilience, and education activities.

**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	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

**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)	750,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	495,000	1644A	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?**

No



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

## 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.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	PPBEP staff salary for project management and implementation.	82,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	10% indirect cost rate.	68,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funding is associated with planning, design, and monitoring of the PPBEP Restoration Initiative to support implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). Funding will also support the PPBEP Community Grant Program. Example projects include oyster restoration, living shorelines, stormwater treatment through green infrastructure retrofits, citizen science, and education/outreach activities.	600,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Funding will support implementation of the Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and the Pensacola Bay Oyster Fisheries and Habitat Management Plan by advancing development of a multi-tiered bay-scale oyster restoration project in East, Blackwater, Escambia, and Pensacola Bays. Funding will support the Estuary Program's target of restoring 600-hectares of oyster habitat in the next ten years. This project also supports the Estuary Program Community Grant Program, which annually funds suite of projects benefiting water quality, habitat restoration, fisheries enhancements, citizen science, and coastal resilience activities throughout the Pensacola and Perdido Bay Systems.

This funding request supports Executive Order 23-06, Achieving Even More Now for Florida's Environment, as signed by Governor DeSantis on January 10, 2023 through the implementation of water quality improvements, oyster habitat restoration, and coastal resilience enhancements.

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

Detailed specifications and plans for oyster restoration in East, Blackwater, Escambia, and Pensacola Bays; enhanced water quality monitoring in the Pensacola and Perdido Bay watersheds; improvement in water quality through reduction of bacteria, nutrients, algae blooms, and/or total suspended solids entering surface waters in the Pensacola and Perdido Bay watersheds; and community engagement through the Estuary Program's education and outreach activities.

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

Implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and the Pensacola Bay Oyster Fisheries and Habitat Management Plan establishes the foundation for water quality improvement and restoration of the oyster fishery. Water quality monitoring, analysis and reporting to identify and prioritize root causes of nutrients, bacteria, and algae blooms in waterways, to decrease response time to bathing beach water quality issues, and to help implement priorities in the Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

Implementation of water quality improvement pilot projects as identified by the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program Community Grant Program. Example projects include oyster restoration, living shorelines, stormwater treatment through green infrastructure retrofits, and education/outreach activities.

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

Target population is the citizens of the Pensacola and Perdido Bay watersheds and all visitors to the area. 315,000 residents and 2.2 million visitors are expected to be served through water quality monitoring, water quality improvement pilot projects, education/outreach activities, and the restoration of a sustainable oyster fishery associated with this funding request.

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

Funding will allow the Estuary Program to develop a shovel ready multi-tiered bay-scale oyster restoration project to support a sustainable oyster fishery in the community.

Water quality will be improved as measured by monitoring of sites where water quality hard and soft infrastructure improvements are made.

Health of beach visitors will be aided as measured by the increase in the number of water quality samples and increased number of opportunities to inform the public of the water quality.

Better water quality from this project and related estuary program water quality improvement initiatives are expected to improve economic opportunity and tourism as measured by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Tourist Development Councils.

Outreach to residents and visitors will enhance awareness, preservation, and recreational use of the State's coastal resources.

#### **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?**

Funding is proposed to be a reimbursement agreement with required deliverables. Failure to achieve deliverables will result in denial of related reimbursement requests.



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**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
- 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)



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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?

N/A

#### 21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

#### 22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2024