



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2700

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	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 2023-2024	3,000,000	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.

Environmentally Sensitive Lands Fund from Flagler County dedicated millage or the Florida Forever Fund.

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



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

Flagler County has received approximately \$20 million from CARES which was used for business and individual assistance grants, local government including municipalities and public safety. Flagler County has also received \$22 million in ARPA funds which is for local infrastructure projects and broadband.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

N/A

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

N/A

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.

This is a land or easement purchase for the purpose of conservation, that will be owned by Flagler County Board of County Commissioners.

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	Purchase the land or an less than fee easement for up to 5 parcels identified including: Pringle Forest in the northeast of the County, Townsend-Lake Disston tract, Townsend-Haw Creek tract, Townsend Dead-Lake tract and finally the 900+ acre Melvin Tract.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. 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?

Acquire these tracts that are within the wildlife corridor or pursue less-than-fee acquisitions such as conservation easements, when possible. Flagler County will be able to continue to provide high quality drinking water to its citizens from local sources and high-quality conservation-based experiences that our community relies on for its health and well-being.

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

Provide high-quality drinking water, protect wildlife habitats, floodplain management and provide conservation based experiences that our community relies on for its health and well-being.

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

This will benefit the general public with a target population of more than 800. There are more than 124,000 in population and by purchasing the land/easement the residents will benefit from high-quality drinking water, floodplain management with conservation based experiences.

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

Exposure to nature in natural areas can improve psychological, physical, mental and social health. Children raised in homes surrounded by greenspace present beneficial effects on cognitive function. People who spend more time in nature enjoy enhanced cognitive functioning and attention and reduced stress. The identified conservation lands within the Flagler County ESL program are vetted to provide environmental benefits including protecting floodplain storage and natural infiltration for precipitated water; protecting the source waters from development and harmful pollutants that effect quality of drinking water and Conserving wetlands in source water protection areas can help maintain surface water flow during dry periods and control erosion.

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