



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2950

1. Project Title Belleair: Bluff Restoration and Erosion Abatement

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 03/08/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Belleair is seeking to restore and preserve the natural bluff within town limits. This is believe to be one of two natural bluff formations in the state of Florida. The bluff has suffered serious erosion due to the action of sea water from the Gulf of Mexico, as well as unmanaged storm water runoff. This project is a maintenance program that includes pruning and trimming of foliage on the bluff.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	135,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	335,000	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. 150,000

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

None.

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.



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\$2.1 million from ARPA. These funds will be used for improved infrastructure.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Town administrators will keep records, communicate with funders, other governments and citizens, and prepare required reports. This also includes project evaluations.	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of a skid steer for continued maintenance of the bluff, thus expanding opportunities for recreational use.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The Town's Engineer, Adam Klintiver PE, is contracted through Consor Engineers. He will directly oversee the work included in this category is the preparatory study that will delineate the boundaries of work and means of evaluation.	20,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Town workers maintaining the bluff with the skid steer and pruning trees as needed.	45,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Materials, labor, construction management, and project oversight by appropriately credentialed experts.	25,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

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?

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

Belleair will hold recreational classes and activities on the bluff after restoration.

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

Belleair is home to over 4,000 residents that would directly be impacted. However, many residents from neighboring cities and counties also come to visit the bluff. Based on regular visitors, events held, and residents, it is estimated that 15,000 people frequent the bluff annually.

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

A restored and maintained bluff will attract more residents and tourists who will use it for such recreation as walking, running, yoga, and more. The applicant will frequently continue to count the number of people using the restored bluff and survey their opinions of experiences. Wildlife will greatly benefit as the restoration and maintenance will attract more wildlife, particularly shore birds and seabirds that use it as a nesting and hunting ground. Finally, restoration will prevent further erosion that is threatening the nearby road and trees along the bluff.

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?

Applicant will be barred from applying for further state funding for this project. Unspent allocations will be returned under a negotiated agreement.

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)



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☒ 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