



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3211

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Caloosahatchee/Big Cypress Land Acquisition project will protect and preserve approximately 72,000 acres of conservation and agriculture land made up of primary and secondary habitat of the Florida Panther in the Florida Wildlife Corridor located in Hendry and Collier counties in Florida. This project will provide connectivity from the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge/ Big Cypress National Preserve to the Dinner Island Wildlife Management Area. The cost of the project is based on estimated values of land and may be purchased in whole or in part, subject to appraisals.

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	426,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	426,000,000

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)	426,000,000	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	426,000,000	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? 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)?

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.

N/a

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	All funds will be used to acquire land within the Caloosahatchee Big Cypress area of The Florida Wildlife Corridor to conserve and protect rare and sensitive lands.	426,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		426,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the project is to perpetually conserve and protect environmentally unique and irreplaceable lands that contain native, relatively unaltered flora and fauna, and primary and secondary habitat of the Florida Panther. This project will aid in completing the critical habitat corridor the Florida Panther in southwest Florida.

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



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Land will be placed into conservation.

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

Will protect this land for conservation and agriculture in perpetuity.

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

The people of Florida.

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

To conserve and protect environmentally sensitive lands that are unique and irreplaceable.

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?

Failing to meet deliverables will result in the repayment of the funds.

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) State Agency

d. **First Name** **Last Name**

e. **E-mail Address**

f. **Phone Number**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**



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b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="McGuireWoods Consulting LLC"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="rodoski@mwcllc.com"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(850)727-5000"/>