



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1068

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The project will focus on water quality monitoring, pollution prevention initiatives, as well as beach and underwater cleanups. LMC will: conduct local water quality monitoring for parameters impacting sea turtles and ecosystem health; conduct beach and underwater cleanups of Juno Beach Pier and other areas throughout Florida; improve awareness through education efforts regarding the impacts of pollution on coastal ecosystems; and develop and implement targeted pollution prevention initiatives for priorities identified in the data from previous tasks. Project will also involve research related to movement patterns of critically endangered sea turtles including contaminant exposure, and resilience to environmental changes in Florida's wildlife.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	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 2025-2026</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	250,000		No

9. **Is future-year 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.**

Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center would have to solicit funds from their donors to conduct this work which would pull from the needs of other programs.



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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

### 12. 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	Salaries and benefits are included for the Vice President of Research and the Conservation Manager, the leads on these projects. A total of 20% FTE for the Vice President of Research and 20% FTE for the Conservation Manager are requested.	39,654
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Indirect costs (10%).	22,727
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for other full-time staff (Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Pollution Prevention Coordinator, Threat Reduction Coordinator) that will be assisting with these projects are included. 20% FTE is requested for the Research Scientist and 30% FTE for both the Pollution Prevention and Threat Reduction Coordinators.	51,545
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Costs (\$113,324) associated with these projects include water quality monitoring equipment and supplies, underwater/beach cleanup/pollution prevention/other field sampling supplies, contaminant analysis, health and disease analyses, and expendables. Travel within Florida (\$2750) is also included.	136,074
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>250,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance



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

The specific purpose for these requested funds is to improve upon the health and cleanliness of Florida's beaches and waterways through rigorous water quality monitoring, beach and underwater cleanups, and evaluation of the health and migration patterns of Florida's endangered wildlife in regard to water quality, plastic pollution, contaminants, disease, and foraging location.

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

This project will help to keep Florida beaches clear of trash and debris, and aims to create innovative, long-term solutions to human impacts on our local ecosystems in order to help keep Florida's Coral Reef, beaches, and wildlife healthy for generations to come. The resulting data from the research projects can be used to improve management decisions and support protection measures in Florida's coastal communities.

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

The target populations served by this project are coastal communities, residents/tourists, and wildlife in the state of Florida. By keeping the beaches and the coastal environment clean, tourism will continue to thrive in Florida and locals and tourists alike will be able to enjoy healthy beaches and reefs long into the future.

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

The target population served by this project are coastal communities, residents, tourists, and wildlife in the state of Florida. By keeping the beaches and the coastal environment clean, tourism will continue to thrive in Florida and locals and tourists alike will be able to enjoy healthy beaches and reefs long into the future. These projects will benefit thousands of local residents, tourists, and beach-goers. Loggerhead Marinelife Center hosts roughly 350,000 visitors per year with a total reach of nearly 600,000 through beach and virtual programs.

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

The outcome of this project is direct removal of pollution and debris from the marine environment and the development of long-term prevention initiatives to prevent pollution from entering the ocean and potentially harming marine life. We will educate the public regarding the impacts of plastic pollution, contaminants, and disease on sea turtle and coastal habitat health through tangible displays, media contacts, and scientific communication/publications. Measures of the realized value include improvements in ecosystem and species protection and management policies, as well as shifts in scientific and public thinking brought about by these results. The outcome will be measured by pounds of debris removed from the marine environment monthly or yearly by this project, the number of annual water quality monitoring events and beach cleanups, and peer-reviewed scientific publications.

**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 in the contract?**

Forfeit of funding.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**



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- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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



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University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*