



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1449

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Thomas Creek borders between Nassau and Duval Counties. The Watershed is historically plagued within Nassau County for flood damage and many repetitive loss properties. Thomas Creek is also the headwaters of the State of Florida designated Nassau River - St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve. From 2008 to 2018 the County, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, executed a desnagging project at a cost of \$3,340,000. The desnagging project only provided short-term relief. From 2019 to 2022 Nassau County partnered with Us Army Corps of Engineers to execute a Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Study. The study found the only viable long-term solution was to remove structures from the floodplain and return to lands to their natural state. This project will focus on land acquisition and demolition of all man made structures. Four parcels have been acquired and are in the process of being returned to natural conditions.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	33%
Local	1,000,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,000,000	100%

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		

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.**
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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/17/2040

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

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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.

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners

12. 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		
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	Demolition of structures within floodplain and land acquisition	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Consists of the acquisition, home demolition, and septic system removal of the most vulnerable properties within the Thomas Creek basin. This project removes septic tanks from the headwaters of Nassau River - St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve, and repetitive loss properties from the State of Florida thus having a positive impact on property insurance liabilities. Four parcels have been purchased and are in the process of being returned to natural conditions.

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



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There are over 4,000 parcels within the Thomas Creek Watershed that will be directly or indirectly impacted by this improvement.

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

Demolition of homes, septic, and structures along with reclamation as needed of the floodplain. Nassau County BOCC will also acquire the land to maintain the floodplain in its natural state.

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

4,000 parcels within the Thomas Creek Watershed

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

Citizens no longer in danger of floodwaters in their homes or properties and Septic and Structure removal from floodplain. Will be measured by demolition and removal of structures and septic.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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?

- 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



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- No
- No, but intends to apply

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

Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- Resilient Florida Grant Program
- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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 Ext.

24. 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.