



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1624

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) was created to define and evaluate the status of the entire watershed and propose actions to improve and protect the natural resources within the lagoon. LWLI is supported by Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Inland Navigation District, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the League of Cities, which have all endorsed the LWL Management Plan. This watershed-based plan includes projects to restore sea grasses, mangroves and oysters, cap muck sediments, construct storm water control projects, and septic-to-sewer conversions. Revitalizing this important water body provides long-term environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region. Each State dollar is matched locally at a minimum 50:50 cost-share basis. Through this program, over \$26 million in State funds and \$69 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.

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	154,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	371,250
Total State Funds Requested	525,750

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)	525,750	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	525,750	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,051,500	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		
2022-23	0	2,361,804	2500	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.**

Partial local funding may be available.



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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?

By 12/31/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

County and municipal funding.

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.

As a partner of LWL Initiative, Palm Beach County serves as the requester, and FDEP receives the funds for the two (2) Initiative-ranked projects. The City of Lake Worth Beach would receive the fixed capital outlay funding.

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	Long-term, contracted biological and water quality monitoring efforts.	154,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs for stormwater system improvements (culvert replacement) and a living shoreline (habitat creation) feature.	371,250
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		525,750

13. Program Performance

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



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Funds requested will support capital construction for stormwater improvement projects, restoration projects, and monitoring efforts designed to improve water quality, habitat quality and coastal resiliency within the Lake Worth Lagoon. The Steering Committee of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative, consisting of local government representatives as well as representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District, ranked the proposed projects based on priority need and beneficial impact to the Lake Worth Lagoon.

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

Projects include stormwater system improvements and habitat creation to create and enhance habitat within the Lagoon. Funds will be utilized entirely for capital costs associated with the various projects and assessment efforts.

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

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality, sediment quality and coastal resilience.

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

The target population served by this effort and associated projects includes the residents and numerous visitors of Palm Beach County and the local marine industry.

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

Benefits will include the creation of coastal habitat to improve the water quality, ecological conditions and coastal resiliency of the Lagoon. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring, and the acreage of habitat created/restored.

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?

The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative has a documented track record of success related to performance measures and deliverables associated with funds appropriated to support these efforts. Through this program's minimum 50:50 match commitment from participants, over \$26 million in State funds and \$69 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon. Any funds not fully utilized will be returned to the issuing agency.

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#:



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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):

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?



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0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

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.