



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1832

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project is to complete reduction of excessive vegetative cover by reducing woody and herbaceous plants within the North Lake Tohopekaliga area to improve floodwater conveyance. Portions of Kissimmee and Osceola County directly adjacent to North Lake Tohopekaliga suffered historic flooding in Hurricane Ian, as floodwaters could not leave the East City Ditch or Mill Slough to the lake in a timely manner. Prior funding only addressed an approximate 50 acre portion of the area (1/3 of the original area proposed) leaving the final approximate 100 acres to be treated.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,300,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,300,000

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)	1,300,000	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 2025-2026	1,300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	640,000	1965D	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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? 08/25/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/25/2025

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

FWC Invasive Plant Management 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.

Osceola County. The portion of the lake to be addressed is within the geographic boundaries of Osceola County. The State of Florida owns Lake Tohopekaliga.

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	Reduction of approximately 100 acres of woody and non-woody invasive/nuisance plants to improve floodwater conveyance from Kissimmee and Osceola County through North Lake Tohopekaliga.	1,300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,300,000

13. Program Performance

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

Improvement of flood conveyance from Mill Slough and East City Ditch through North Lake Tohopekaliga. Improved boating access for fishing and ecotourism. Improved viewshed for the City of Kissimmee.

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

Vegetative reduction.

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



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None.

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

The improved flood conveyance created by this project will serve the local predominantly Hispanic or Latino community. Osceola County has a median annual income below Florida's median annual income. The improved ecotourism and fishing will benefit Florida and Osceola County residents, visitors, and businesses. The project is expected to serve 20,000 affected individuals.

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

Improved flood conveyance. Reduction of flooded homes or time flood events occur in storm events. Improved ecotourism and fishing. Increase in open water habitat as demonstrated by FWC vegetation surveys.

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?

Denial of reimbursement of cost and/or return of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricanes Ian and Irma.

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
- No



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No, but intends to apply

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

FWC, Contracted vegetation reduction, 2024-2025.

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?

N/A

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/25/2025

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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.