



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2132

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Ocean Sweep Trash Tournament, led by Water Warrior Alliance, is a large-scale cleanup initiative that removes 20,000+ lbs of marine debris from Florida’s waterways and beaches. The event creates jobs, boosts tourism, and improves water quality, benefiting both the environment and the economy.

Key Activities & Impact

Vessel & Shoreline Cleanups – Removes hazardous debris, improves water flow, and reduces pollution.

Job Creation & Workforce Development – Pays majority to captains, cleanup crews, and event staff, supporting local employment.

Stormwater & Infrastructure Protection – Prevents blockages, flooding, and costly municipal repairs.

Community Engagement & Education – Engages 300+ volunteers, schools, and conservation groups in environmental restoration and STEM learning.

Funding Request

We seek state appropriations to expand this effort, ensuring cleaner waterways, stronger local economies, and a more resilient Florida coast.

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	148,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	148,000

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)	148,000	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	140,625	49%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	288,625	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?



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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

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	100% of the salary of the program manager that will oversee multiple trash collection tournaments.	33,000
Other Salary and Benefits	100% of the salary for the program coordinator	9,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	event logistics (banners, signage, marketing materials, and giveaway items like shirts, cups, and buckets), equipment and rentals (boat fuel, dumpster rentals, and diving gear), travel and transportation (mileage reimbursements, staff travel, and material transport), supplies (trash bags, gloves, rakes, hydration, and food for volunteers), contracted services (event coordination, marketing, and environmental impact studies), captain and crew compensation to ensure vessel availability, boat fuel	106,000
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		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	148,000
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13. Program Performance

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

The Ocean Sweep Trash Tournament is a community-driven initiative that mobilizes divers, boaters, and coastal volunteers to remove storm-related debris and marine pollution from Florida's waterways, reefs, and shorelines. The requested funds will support debris removal, marine restoration, community engagement, education, and long-term sustainability. This initiative contributes to post-hurricane recovery and fosters enduring environmental stewardship to protect Florida's coastal ecosystems for future generations.

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

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

The Ocean Sweep Trash Tournament is a large-scale, community-driven initiative that mobilizes divers, boaters, and coastal volunteers to remove storm-related debris and marine pollution from Florida's waterways, reefs, and shorelines. The requested funds will support debris removal and marine restoration, community engagement and education, and long-term resilience and sustainability. This initiative directly contributes to post-hurricane recovery while fostering a lasting culture of environmental stewardship to safeguard Florida's coastal ecosystems for future generations.

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

The Ocean Sweep Trash Tournament targets Florida's coastal communities, engaging over 300 divers, boaters, and volunteers in removing storm-related debris to benefit local residents and ecosystems.

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

The Ocean Sweep Trash Tournament aims to remove over 20,000 pounds of storm-related debris from Florida's waterways, enhancing marine restoration, engaging local communities, and promoting environmental sustainability. Success will be measured by tracking the weight of debris collected, volunteer participation rates, and conducting pre- and post-event environmental assessments to evaluate improvements in water quality and habitat health.

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?

In addition to standard contractual penalties, the contracting agency may consider implementing specific measures for failure to meet deliverables or performance standards, such as:
 Financial Penalties: Imposing fines proportional to the degree of non-compliance or delay.
 Payment Withholding: Retaining a portion of payments until satisfactory completion of deliverables.
 Contract Termination: Ending the contract for default if performance issues are severe or unrectified.
 Reprocurement Costs: Charging the contractor for additional costs incurred by the agency to procure the services or goods from an alternative source due to the contractor's failure.
 Suspension or Debarment: Restricting the contractor from future contracting opportunities with the agency or other government entities.

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)



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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):

Hurricane Helene and Milton

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
- 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 Jenna **Last Name** Byrne

b. Organization Byrne Ocean Conservation, DBA: Water Warrior Alliance

c. E-mail Address waterwarrioralliance@gmail.com

d. Phone Number (727)303-9987 **Ext.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Byrne Ocean Conservation, DBA: Water Warrior Alliance

b. Municipality and County Pinellas

c. Organization Type



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- 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.

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.