



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2428

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

4. Project/Program Description

Year 2 of characterizing the influence of habitat connectivity for wild turkeys, optimizing the habitat management projects, and increasing the wild turkey population utilizing state of the art reproductive technology. In addition, increase the number of landowners as well as acreage enrolled in conservation programs.

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	1,590,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,590,000

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)	1,590,000	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	1,590,000	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		
2024-25	0	1,590,000	150	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.**
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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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	Equivalent to 3 months salary and fringe to work towards the proposed project.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Includes salary and benefits for post doctoral research associates, communication specialists, and instructor personnel.	965,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Includes field supplies and travel.	460,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Includes genetic sample processing costs.	120,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,590,000

13. Program Performance

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

Characterizing the influence of habitat connectivity for wild turkeys, optimizing the habitat management projects, and increase the wild turkey population utilizing state of the art reproductive technology. In addition, increase the number of landowners as well as acreage enrolled in conservation programs.

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

Research and activities include characterizing the influence of habitat connectivity, optimizing the habitat management projects, utilizing state of the art reproductive technology, mass communication technologies (social media, podcasts, etc.), and in-person training.

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



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Given the value of wild turkeys to the residents of Florida and the unique challenges to population sustainability, research on survival and productivity is needed to ensure sustainability in the state.

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

University/college students, as well as farmers, research scientists, veterinarians, private landowners and practitioners. This upcoming project is expected to target more than 800 citizens in the state of Florida.

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

Characterizing the influence of habitat connectivity for wild turkeys, optimizing the habitat management projects, increase the wild turkey population utilizing state of the art reproductive technology, and increase the number of landowners as well as acreage enrolled in conservation programs. Benefits will be measured monitoring the increase in population of the Osceola turkey, tracking the increased number of acreage enrolled in conservation program, and increased acreage providing connectivity in habitat through wildlife corridor.

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 penalties for state university system.

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):

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
- 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



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