



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2456

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The CEPD will remove up to 100 Australian pines to protect public safety and property from prevent hazardous windfall damage, reduce beach erosion, and enhance dune restoration. The CEPD will also remove up to 1,500 iguanas to protect native birds, reptiles and amphibians, reduce damage to gardens and landscaping, and prevent undermining of sea walls and other structures from their burrows.

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	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	82%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	110,000	18%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>610,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

**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?** 07/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 06/30/2026

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

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) will fund ongoing operations and maintenance.

**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.**

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) will directly receive the fixed capital outlay funding.

**12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The CEPD will contract with an arborist and tree removal specialist to cut down up to 100 Australian pines and remove or grind stumps on Captiva Island. The CEPD will also contract with an animal control specialist to trap and remove up to 1500 iguanas from Captiva Island.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The CEPD will remove up to 100 Australian pines to protect public safety and property from prevent hazardous windfall damage, reduce beach erosion, and enhance dune restoration. The CEPD will also remove up to 1,500 iguanas to protect native birds, reptiles and amphibians, reduce damage to gardens and landscaping, and prevent undermining of sea walls and other structures from their burrows.

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



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Requested funds will be used to cover the costs of removing hazardous Australian pines and nuisance iguanas.

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

The CEPD will contract with an arborist and tree removal specialist to cut down up to 100 Australian pines and remove or grind stumps and contract with an animal control specialist to trap and remove up to 1500 iguanas from Captiva Island.

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

This project will benefit Captiva residents, businesses, and over 180,000 yearly visitors.

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

The removal of Australian pines, which are classified as a Category I invasive species in Florida, will improve native plant communities and enhance dune restoration. The removal of invasive iguanas will enhance native bird, reptile, and amphibian populations from egg depredation, as well as native plants from consumption. The removal of up to 100 Australian pines will protect public safety and property from prevent hazardous windfall damage and reduce beach erosion. Wildlife monitoring and tree surveys post removal will measure results.

**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?**

CEPD will negotiate a time extension in order to provide deliverables or the return of funds.

**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):**

Hurricanes 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



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- 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**  **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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