



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3156

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will be used to purchase 27.57 acres of mixed uplands and natural high quality wetlands with a creek that feeds into Santa Rosa Sound for conservation, water quality and resiliency efforts. The wetlands act as a filtration system and filters sediment, toxins, and chemicals from entering and polluting our larger waterways and seagrass beds. Mature trees absorb and store hundreds of gallons of water a year to help surrounding areas from flooding. Salt marshes assist by combating storm surge from deteriorating surrounding areas during natural disasters such as hurricanes. Conserving and preserving this land will play a vital role in protecting a natural and crucial part of our county's ecosystem.

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	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	85%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	150,000	15%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	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		

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

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?

07/01/2025

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

Santa Rosa County operating funds will be used to maintain 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.

Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners would be the sole owner of the property for conservation efforts.

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	The funds will be used to purchase 27.57 acres of mixed uplands and natural high quality wetlands with a creek that feeds into Santa Rosa Sound for conservation, water quality and resiliency efforts. Conserving the wetlands will filter sediment and toxins from invading other waterways and the seagrass beds, while the trees will absorb and store hundreds/thousands of gallons of water and preventing flooding of the surrounding areas.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Conserving the wetlands will aide in preserving Florida natural habitats and ecosystems, along with increasing water quality and coastal waterway resiliency. The wetlands act as a filtration system and filters sediment, toxins, and chemicals from entering and polluting our larger waterways and seagrass beds. Mature trees absorb and store hundreds of gallons of water a year to help surrounding areas from flooding. Salt marshes assist by combating storm surge from deteriorating surrounding areas during natural disasters such as hurricanes. Conserving and preserving this land will play a vital role in protecting a natural and crucial part of our county's ecosystem.

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

Preservation and conservation of sensitive land.

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

Increased and improved water quality, and coastal waterway resiliency.

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

Thousands of residents that live in the surrounding areas of the soundside peninsula.

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

Protection of the land from development, allowing the preservation of a natural water filtration system to continue enhancing the quality of water runoff into the gulf and protecting natural ecosystems. See less development in an over populated community, increase preservation and conservation efforts increased in our county, and contribute to a natural ecosystem thrive.

Added coastal resiliency in the event of a natural disaster, protection from coastal flooding, and natural filtration of water for swimming and fishing. See less flood waters affecting the surrounding areas, excess water being absorbed by native flora, healthier coastal fish to eat and cleaner swimming conditions

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 land will be returned to the original owners and will not be conserved .

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):

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.**



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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.