



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2145

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Restoration of the mangrove islands of the Jupiter Narrows north of Cato's Bridge in Palm Beach County in the Village of Tequesta through the construction of a limestone breakwater, limestone toe protections, seabed stabilization, seagrass planting, and mangrove planting.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	260,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>260,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	260,000	26%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	40,000	4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000	1%
Other	690,000	69%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)?**

No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?**

January 1, 2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

December 31, 2026

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

Private supporters.

**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 islands are owned by the State of Florida.

**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	Engineering and construction costs for installing limestone breakwaters, footers, and for seagrass and mangrove restoration of the islands of the Jupiter Narrows in Palm Beach County.	260,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>260,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Restoration of mangrove islands, improvement of essential fish habitat, improvement of wildlife abundance in the Jupiter Narrows.

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

This money will fund the construction of breakwaters and other environmental engineering to restore and protect mangrove islands in the lower Indian River Lagoon.



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

Enhanced wildlife recreation areas, improved fisheries, better enjoyment of nature.

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

Floridians in Palm Beach and Martin Counties and those who enjoy the beautiful lower Indian River Lagoon and the Jupiter Inlet area. The impacts extend to millions of Floridians.

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

The FDEP is the permitting authority, and it will measure success by showing that manatees, fish, birds, seagrass, mangroves, sea turtles and other wildlife benefit from the restoration, and by showing that Floridians will benefit in terms of improved and protected ecosystem services provided by mangroves and seagrasses.

**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?**

Reclaim 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):**

**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):

### 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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 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.*