

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Indian River Lagoon State
 3 Matching Grant Program; creating s. 373.4594, F.S.;
 4 providing that certain projects identified in the
 5 Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and
 6 Management Plan are eligible for state funding
 7 consideration; directing the Department of
 8 Environmental Protection to coordinate with the South
 9 Florida Water Management District and the St. Johns
 10 River Water Management District to identify projects
 11 and grant recipients and to submit an annual report to
 12 the Governor, Legislature, and specified persons;
 13 requiring county and municipal governments to submit
 14 annual reports to the department and appropriate water
 15 management districts; providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 Section 1. Section 373.4594, Florida Statutes, is created
 20 to read:

21 373.4594 Indian River Lagoon State Matching Grant
 22 Program.—

23 (1) Projects dedicated to the conservation and management
 24 of the Indian River Lagoon are eligible for state funding
 25 consideration. The department shall use program funds to provide

26 | grants for the following projects identified in the updated
27 | Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management
28 | Plan:

29 | (a) The upgrade of existing facilities that provide
30 | advanced waste treatment, as defined in s. 403.086(4).

31 | (b) The expansion of existing wastewater treatment
32 | facilities to bring services to existing homes and businesses
33 | that are not connected to an existing wastewater treatment
34 | facility.

35 | (c) The connection of onsite sewage treatment and disposal
36 | systems to a central sewer system.

37 | (2) Each grant shall require a minimum of 50-percent local
38 | match.

39 | (3) The department shall coordinate with the South Florida
40 | Water Management District and the St. Johns River Water
41 | Management District to identify eligible projects and grant
42 | recipients for state funding consideration.

43 | (4) Beginning January 1, 2021, and each January 1
44 | thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the
45 | Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
46 | of Representatives, and each state senator and state
47 | representative for the areas in the Indian River Lagoon
48 | Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan regarding the
49 | projects proposed for state funding consideration and the

50 projects receiving state funding under this section. The report
 51 must include:

52 (a) The projects identified for state funding
 53 consideration, including, at a minimum:

54 1. A priority ranking based on the most cost-effective
 55 pollutant reduction projects for each listed project that will
 56 be ready to proceed in the upcoming fiscal year.

57 2. The estimated cost of each listed project.

58 3. The estimated completion date of each listed project.

59 4. The source and amount of financial assistance to be
 60 provided by county or municipal governments, water management
 61 districts, or other entities for each listed project.

62 (b) The implementation status of each project receiving
 63 state funding under this section.

64 (5) The county or municipal government shall annually
 65 submit a status report on each project receiving state funding
 66 under this section to the department and to the appropriate
 67 water management district for inclusion in the consolidated
 68 water management district annual report required by s.
 69 373.036(7).

70 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.