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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 a  
5       specified Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive  
6       Conservation and Management Plan are eligible for  
7       state funding consideration; directing the Department  
8       of Environmental Protection to coordinate with the  
9       South Florida Water Management District and the St.  
10      Johns River Water Management District to identify  
11      projects and grant recipients and to submit an annual  
12      report to the Governor, the Legislature, and specified  
13      persons; requiring certain county and municipal  
14      governments to submit annual reports to the department  
15      and appropriate water management districts; providing  
16      an effective date.

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

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

22       373.4594 Indian River Lagoon State Matching Grant 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 Indian River  
27 Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, as  
28 updated in 2008:

29       (a) The upgrade of existing facilities that provide

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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 a 50 percent  
38 local 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.

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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.