



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

1. Project Title: Caloosahatchee River Valued Ecosystem Component Restoration
2. Senate Sponsor: Senator Jack Latvala
3. Date of Request: 4/5/2017

4. Project/Program Description: Restoration of 30 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation in the Caloosahatchee River.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds: N/A
- State Agency Contacted? N/A

6. Amount of the Non-Recurring Request:

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
\$1,484,132	N/A	\$1,484,132

7. Total Project Cost (if greater than Total Requested State Funds): \$1,484,132

8. Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project:

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal:	0	0
State (Excluding the amount of this request):	0	0
Local:	0	0
Other:	0	0

9. Was the project previously funded by the State?

Fiscal Year(s)	Amount		Vetoed
	Recurring	Non-Recurring	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. No

11. Program Performance (if needed, include additional documentation):
- a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?
- This project will create 30 acres of critically important submerged vegetation meadows. The benefits of submerged vegetation meadows have been extensively researched for their importance in recreationally and commercially important fisheries production, providing critically important habitat, reducing toxic algae blooms, stabilizing sediments, absorbing nutrients, and coastal resiliency.
- b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?
- The funds will be spent on project management, cultivation and installation of 100,000 aquatic plants, protect plants with 20 aids to navigation and 500 cages, maintenance of the cages and plants, reporting, and third party scientific review.



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c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Manager	\$67,461
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	N/A
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel	\$31,560
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants	\$25,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Implementation Salary	\$192,460
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies/Plants/Travel	\$1,042,651
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Services	\$ 125,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	N/A	N/A

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

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

Both the local and state economy will benefit from this project. This project will have direct positive impacts to the seafood industry, eco-tourism industry, recreational boating industry, real estate industry, and the tourism industry as each of these industries are dependent on healthy habitats and clean water. The indirect effects of this project will reach individuals that depend on clean water in Florida.

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

Both the local and state economy will benefit from this project. This project will have direct positive impacts to the seafood industry, eco-tourism industry, recreational boating industry, real estate industry, and the tourism industry as each of these industries are dependent on healthy habitats and clean water. The benefits of this project will be reviewed by independent scientist that will monitor changes in water quality, fisheries production, and plant expansion. Annual monitoring reports will be generated for three years documenting the success of the goals of this project.

g. 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?

There are no suggested penalties.

12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact information:

a. Name and Title:

Brett Fitzgerald



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- b. Organization:
- c. E-mail Address:
- d. Phone Number:

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:
- b. Municipality and County:
- c. Organization type (check all that apply):
 - For-profit Entity
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. Contact Name and Title:
- e. E-mail Address:
- f. Phone Number:

15. Lobbyist Contact Information:

- a. Name:
- b. Firm:
- c. Email Address:
- d. Phone Number:

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe) [Click here to enter text.](#)
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)

18. What is the status of construction?

Construction has not started.



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19. What percentage of the construction has been completed? What is the estimated completion date?
0%, June 1, 2018

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