



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2462

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of St. Augustine (City) requests reimbursement for the purchase of a 6.17 acre marsh front property for the purpose of conservation identified as Parcel ID 1077900010. The property is located in St. Johns County within the City of St. Augustine. This important property provides a natural buffer to the Ravenswood neighborhood and helps mitigate wind and flooding impacts from nor'easters and tropical storms. The property is located along the San Sebastian River and benefits the neighborhood and City by increasing conservation lands in a highly vulnerable area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,100,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,100,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The City has applied for and is receiving federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and FEMA Public Assistance (PA). APRA funding is awarded in the Revenue Replacement, Expenditure Category for \$7,720,659, the City is using these funds in the provision of government services. FEMA-PA awarded \$23,383 for reimbursement of supplies and commodities to protect the City through the crisis.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

FY 24-25

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

FY 24-25

12. 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.

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13. 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: Other		
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 City of St. Augustine (City) requests reimbursement for the purchase of a 6.17 acre marsh front property for the purpose of conservation identified as Parcel ID 1077900010. The property is located in St. Johns County within the City of St. Augustine.	2,100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,100,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purchase of this property conserves marsh front land that serves as a buffer that mitigates wind and flooding impacts for the Ravenswood neighborhood. This important property benefits the community by being placed into conservations and can serve to provide stormwater management improvements and improve water quality discharging to the San Sebastian River.

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

The City will place the land into conservation and create a management plan for the parcel.

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

Residents in the Ravenswood neighborhood will benefit directly by having this conservation land serve as a buffer for flooding events. The neighborhood city residents and City benefit by increase conservation land in a highly vulnerable area subjected to frequent flooding events.

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

More than 15,000 city residents will benefit by increasing conservation land within the City. Approximately 400 residents living in the neighborhood in the property's vicinity will directly benefit from the acquisition.

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

The City will increase its conservation land inventory and remove a parcel that could be developed in a vulnerable area subjected to flooding. The undeveloped property served as a buffer for storm surges for tropical storms Ian and Nicole that impacted the area in Fall 2022.

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 the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number