



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2726

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project will reduce the nutrient load and total suspended solids in stormwater runoff flowing through the Largo Nature Preserve through a method known as bioretention. The funds will specifically assist with the costs of installation of a system pipes and pumps to route stormwater through the forested wetland of the preserve to reduce nutrients before flowing back into the main channel and eventually to the Gulf of Mexico, helping to reduce the incidence of red tide.

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	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	500,000	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?

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



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The City of Largo received approximately \$13 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. The funds were used for several repairs at the city's recreational facilities and performing arts center, support for local non-profits, stormwater assets, community mental health, and homeless support services.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2025

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	Installation of pipes, pumps, and alterations of channels to route stormwater through the forested wetland of the Largo Nature Preserve to significantly reduce nutrients and suspended solids improve stormwater quality and reduce the incidence of red tide.	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

Reduce the nutrient load and suspended solids in stormwater that is routed through channels in the Largo Nature Preserve before eventually flowing into the Gulf of Mexico.

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



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N/A

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

N/A

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

all of the Pinellas coastal region.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to significantly reduce the amount of nutrients and suspended solids in stormwater runoff that eventually flows into the Gulf of Mexico, which are known to contribute to the incidence of red tide. Periodic testing of the stormwater runoff routed through the Largo Nature Preserve will be conducted to capture data on nutrient and suspended solid reduction. This process is a proven, nature-based solution that does not involve chemical treatment of the stormwater, adding an additional benefit.

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?

Penalties could include denial of reimbursement for project costs and prohibition from qualifying for future appropriations requests.

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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="Mathew Forrest"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="Ballard Partners"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="mat@ballardpartners.com"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(561)253-3232"/>

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. 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)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?