



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3080

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To 1) Design and permit new trails and related amenities (restrooms, parking and picnic facilities) at Four Mile Cove Preserve, Oak Hammock Preserve, Pine Lake Preserve and West Marsh Preserve; and 2) design, permit and construct a boardwalk at Bonita Beach Dog Park.

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	1,525,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,525,000

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)	1,525,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,275,000	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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\$134,459,744 - CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds used to provide community aid and government services. Expenditure and outcome reports located at <https://leeflcares.com/transparency#documents>

\$41,679,062.80 - Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1 & ERA2) for rent and utility assistance provided to income qualified residents.

\$149,675,549 - American Rescue Plan Act allocations at <https://www.leegov.com/ARPA/Documents/Approved%20ARPA%20Allocations%20May%202026%202023.pdf>

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?

2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2027

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.

Lee County Board of County Commissioners

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	Design, permitting and construction	1,525,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,525,000

14. Program Performance

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



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These funds will enable the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to develop new trails and related amenities at five different parks/preserves throughout the County.

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

These funds will be used to procure a professional consultant to design and permit amenities at Four Mile Cove Preserve, Oak Hammock Preserve, Pine Lake Preserve and West Marsh Preserve, as well as design, permit and construct a boardwalk at Bonita Beach Dog Park.

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

- Four Mile Cove Preserve - New boardwalks, trails and related amenities will enable people to explore various ecosystems located in this part of the County, as well as hike/walk in a natural setting. In addition, people utilizing the Great Calusa Blueway - a State-designated paddling trail - will benefit from a new landing spot.
- Oak Hammock Preserve - New trails and related amenities will enable people to explore various ecosystems located in this part of the County, as well as hike/walk in a natural setting.
- Pine Lake Preserve - New amenities, including a designated trailhead, will enable more people to explore the ecosystems located within this preserve, hike/walk in a natural setting, and fish from its lakes.
- West Marsh Preserve - New trails and related amenities will enable people to utilize this preserve for bird watching, walking, and fishing.
- Bonita Beach Dog Park - The development of a boardwalk will enable people to bring their dogs to this park's beach areas more eas

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

- While these amenities will be available to all Lee County residents, as well as visitors alike, the main intent is for each park/preserve to serve County residents within a 3-mile radius, which equates to the following:
- Four Mile Cove Preserve - 43,552 households
 - Oak Hammock Preserve - 9,493 households
 - Pine Lake Preserve - 18,461 households
 - West Marsh Preserve - 16,331 households
 - Bonita Beach Dog Park - 8,942 households

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

With regard to the projects at Four Mile Cove Preserve, Oak Hammock Preserve and West Marsh Preserve, the intended outcome is to provide the public with additional opportunities to engage in outdoor pursuits. (Currently, none of these preserves contain recreational amenities.) With regard to the projects at Pine Lake Preserve and Bonita Beach Dog Park, the intended outcome is to increase the number of patrons who utilize these facilities. (Currently, these sites contain limited recreational amenities. In addition, the beach areas at Bonita Beach Dog Park have become difficult to access following Hurricane Ian.)

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

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



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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) Local Government

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

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)



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N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

Not started

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

to be determined