

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Monroe County Seagrass Restoration Project
2. Date of Submission: 11/08/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Jackie Toledo  
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### 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No  
*If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E*
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

| FY:                | Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project<br>for FY 2019-20<br><i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i> |                               |   | Develop New Funds Request<br>for FY 2020-21<br><i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i> |  |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Column:            | A   | B                             | C   | D   | E                                      | F   |
| Funds Description: | Prior Year Recurring Funds  | Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds | Total Funds Appropriated<br><br><i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i> | Recurring Base Budget<br><br><i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>                        | <b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b> | <b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b><br><br><i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i> |
| Input Amounts:     |   |                               |   |   | 1,457,000                              | 1,457,000   |

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
  - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
  - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Environmental Protection
  - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
  - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Payment would be withheld for deliverables not achieved.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Frank Gidus
- b. Organization: Coastal Conservation Association Florida
- c. Email: fgidus@ccaflorida.org
- d. Phone #: (407)790-0702

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Carter Henne
- b. Organization: Sea & Shoreline, LLC
- c. Email: carter@seaandshoreline.com
- d. Phone #: (863)412-8275

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Frank Bernardino
- b. Firm: Anfield Consulting
- c. Email: frank@anfieldflorida.com
- d. Phone #: (866)960-5939

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Coastal Conservation Association Florida
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Monroe
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Monroe

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The objectives of this project are to restore specific Florida Keys' seagrass meadows around John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and the Seven Mile Bridge by repairing damaged areas, replanting seagrass, and installing navigational aids to prevent future vegetation and vessel damage. The resulting seagrass will also improve water quality and enhance marine and fish habitats, as well as reduce impacts on coral in the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

| Spending Category   | Description   | Nonrecurring<br>(Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if<br>request is zero for the category |
|---|---|--|
| Administrative Costs:   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits                | Project Administration  | 72,850   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other  | Public Outreach, Travel, Fliers, and Equipment  | 72,850   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study               |   |  |
| Operational Costs:  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits                               |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other            |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study    | Fill damage caused by boats with a sediment bed into which nursery grown seagrass can be planted. The area will be protected by navigation aids to direct boats and vessels away from the shallow water, and the project success will be monitored and documented for three years following | 1,311,300  |

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|   | completion. |           |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:                                  |             |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering |             |           |
| TOTAL   |             | 1,457,000 |

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

The restoration of impacted marine habitats in the Keys, including seagrass beds, is the subject of an ongoing a broadly publicly support effort being led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and were discussed at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council’s meeting in August 2019 and recent public workshop on October 7, 2019 held at the Coral Shores High School in Tavernier relating to the proposed FKMS Restoration Blueprint.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

Final Programmatic Impact Statement for Seagrass Restoration Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, August 23, 2004, and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: A Restoration Blueprint, August 2019.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

No

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

| Benefit or Outcome  | Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome  | Describe the method for measuring level of benefit  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education                            |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education   |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality | Fill damage caused by boats with a sediment bed into which nursery grown seagrass can be planted. The area will be protected by navigation aids to direct boats and vessels away from the shallow water, and the project success will be monitored and documented for three years following completion. | Seagrass restoration areas will be surveyed for a period of three years post restoration to document the success of the restoration activities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)           |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions  |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity                               | Seagrass is responsible for providing habitat and a nursery role for commercially important fisheries   | Seagrass restoration areas will be surveyed for a period of three years post restoration to document the  |

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|  | including lobster, shrimp, and stone crab. This project will protect their critical habitat from erosion.   | success of the restoration activities.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities             |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism                                       |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse                                  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system            |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management                           |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management                           |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality                             |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality                          |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality                | Seagrass stabilizes sediments from erosion, sequesters suspended sediments out of the water column, and utilizes nutrients in the water that would otherwise be used to promote algal blooms. | Seagrass restoration areas will be surveyed for a period of three years post restoration to document the success of the restoration activities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):                                |   |   |

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percent of Total | Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing? |
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| 1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request: | 1,457,000        | 100.0%      | N/A |
| 2. Federal:  | 0                | 0.0%        | No  |
| 3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)          | 0                | 0.0%        | No  |
| 4. Local:  | 0                | 0.0%        | No  |
| 5. Other:  | 0                | 0.0%        | No  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1,457,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |     |

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No