

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Conservation Florida
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Thad Altman
Members Copied:

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 for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i> | | | Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i> | | |
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| Column: | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Funds Description: | Prior Year Recurring Funds | Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds | Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i> | Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i> | Additional Nonrecurring Request | TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i> |
| Input Amounts: | | | | | 500,000 | 500,000 |

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.

Reversion of funds as applicable

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Traci Dean
- b. Organization: Conservation Florida
- c. Email: traci@conserveflorida.org
- d. Phone #: (352)376-4770

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

- a. Name: Traci Dean
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8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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

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?

Funds will support Conservation Florida’s goal and the delivery of programs designed to protect Florida’s natural and agricultural landscapes that replenish and safeguard Florida’s fresh water supply, support the success of working farms and ranches, contribute to a strong economy, form a statewide conservation corridor, and provide places to recreate and enjoy nature. Conservation Florida assists with the protection of lands on the Florida Forever priority list.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter “0” if request is zero for the category |
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| Administrative Costs: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Salaries and benefits will be used to partially fund Conservation Florida’s Executive Director, who oversees Conservation Florida’s programs and operations as it works to protect Florida’s natural and agricultural lands. | 70,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits | Salaries and benefits will be used to partially fund Conservation Florida’s Assistant Director, who works to track deliverables, manage staff and interns, and oversee communications that support Conservation Florida’s mission to protect natural and agricultural lands. This will also be used to partially fund a Graphic Designer, a Program Manager, and Regional Coordinator. | 90,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits | Salaries and benefits will be used to partially fund Conservation Florida's Operations Manager, who oversees Conservation Florida's educational programs and in-office operations as it works to protect Florida's natural and agricultural lands. | 30,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Land Protection Programming, Conservation Education Programming Printing, Travel, Professional Development, Rent, Internet, Telecommunications | 250,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | This will be used to partially fund two Land Protection Specialists and a GIS specialist in order to deliver our programs. | 60,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | |
| TOTAL | | 500,000 |

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?

No

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

No

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

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Ultimately, the purpose of the funds is to support Conservation Florida's mission to protect Florida's natural and agricultural landscapes for the benefit of all Floridians, current and future.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Funds will support Conservation Florida's goal and the delivery of programs designed to protect Florida's natural and agricultural landscapes that replenish and safeguard Florida's fresh water supply,

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students

- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience | Land conservation often protects Florida's rich cultural heritage. This last year, Conservation Florida worked to protect 2,200 acres of ranchland in Madison County that is the location of one of five missions established by Spanish explorers in the 1600's. The mission is believed to have been constructed between 1609 and 1655. | Acres protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved. |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education | <p>Conservation Florida is actively working with many agricultural families to protect Florida's working lands. From ranches to timberlands, conservation is a tool that will keep farms farming. As Florida is also one of the nation's top producers of food, ensuring we have adequate land set aside for agriculture is a prudent measure for our growing population.</p> | <p>Acres protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality | <p>Land conservation ensures the longterm protection and preservation of Florida's wildlife habitat. Conservation Florida is working to protect natural corridors that provide wildlife with access to passageways between conservation areas. Without conservation corridors, iconic species like the Florida black bear and the Florida panther are at risk of becoming isolated in small islands of protected lands.</p> | <p>Habitat protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved.</p> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.) | <p>Conserved lands provide clean air and naturally filter Florida's drinking water.</p> | <p>Acres protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism | | |

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality | Conservation Florida is actively working to protect land around Florida's Springs and within high recharge areas to protect Florida's groundwater. Conserving land in its natural state within both the discharge and recharge areas of a spring is one of the best ways to keep it healthy. | Acres with high recharge value or proximity to Springs protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality | By protecting land around Florida's Springs and within high recharge areas, conserved lands provide a natural way to protect Florida's drinking water quality. | Acres with high recharge value or proximity to Springs protected, landowners served, outreach achieved, education achieved. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality | | |
| <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: | 500,000 | 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 |
| TOTAL | 500,000 | 100% | |

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

No