

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Pinellas County Orphan Vessel Grounding Restoration

2. Date of Submission: 02/03/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Kathleen Peters

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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
- 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 (Note that column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2016-17 <i>(If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited. Any additional Nonrecurring funding requested to supplement recurring funds in the base will result in the base recurring amount being converted to Nonrecurring .)</i>		
	Column:	A	B	C	D	E
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 Request <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D to be CONVERTED to Nonrecurring plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E. These funds will be appropriated non-recurring if funded in the House Budget or the Final Conference Report on the budget.)</i>
Input Amounts:					604,735	604,735

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? 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? For example, if the requested issue pertains to services provided to inmates at correctional facilities, the Department of Corrections would be the most appropriate state agency. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Jake Stowers
- b. Organization: Pinellas County
- c. Email: Jstowers@pinellascounty.org
- d. Phone #: (727)464-3485

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project (Please retype if same as Requester):

- a. Name: Jake Stowers
- b. Organization: Pinellas County
- c. Email: Jstowers@pinellascounty.org
- d. Phone #: (727)464-3485

8. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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

9. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds(Please retype if same as Requestor or Contact):

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

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?

This project will create 50 acres of critically important submerged habitat that will filter water, provide critically important wildlife habitat, and provide an upstream seed source to the Charlotte Harbor estuary. This project will also scientifically quantify the nutrient buffering affect of submerged aquatic vegetation and ecological lift to the Charlotte Harbor estuary.

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. F) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<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	Contractor will restore and monitor the three orphan vessel groundings.	604,735
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		604,735

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (In Question 12, if ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was not selected, question 13 is not applicable)

N/A

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

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?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, in 2014, surveyed the vessel groundings. The results of the survey documented the vessel groundings as severely impacted and in need of restoration.

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

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

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The project will improve water quality, enhance recreational and commercial fishing, and the tourism industry.	Restoration monitoring will be conducted to ensure the project goals and objectives are achieved.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	The project will result in enhanced aquaculture opportunities.	Restoration monitoring will be conducted to ensure the project goals and objectives are achieved.

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	The project will improve water quality, enhance recreational and commercial fishing, and the tourism industry.	Biological monitoring will be performed to identify frequency and density of restored seagrass. Monitoring surveys will quantify habitat production in the restored areas.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	The project will improve water quality and help reduce the effects of toxic algae blooms.	Restoration monitoring will be conducted to ensure the project goals and objectives are achieved.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions	This project will install aids to navigation around the seagrass meadow to reduce future vessel groundings.	Future vessel groundings will be monitored during the biological monitoring.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	The project will improve water quality, enhanced recreational and commercial fishing, and the tourism industry.	Restoration monitoring will be conducted to ensure the project goals and objectives are achieved.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Healthy seagrass meadows are vitally important to ecotourism and recreational fishing guides. Seagrass meadows provide critical habitat, forage, and shelter that are essential recreationally to important wildlife.	Increases in tourism will be quantified through habitat production increases of recreationally important wildlife species. Additionally, reports will document direct recreational utilization of the project site.
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	This project will increase fisheries production, roughly 90% of all commercially derived seafood from Florida is dependent on healthy seagrass at some point in their life	Enhancement of individual's economic self sufficiency will be quantified through seagrass assessments. Additionally, reports will document direct utilization of the restoration site

	cycle.	during the monitoring events.
<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	Submerged aquatic vegetation has been well documented to oxygenate water, sequester suspended sediments, and filter nutrients.	Water quality measurements will be taken both inside and outside the project sites during each monitoring event.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2017-18 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total (Automatically Calculates)	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	604,735	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	604,735	100%	

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

No