

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA) Scrub-Jay Habitat
2. Date of Submission: 09/14/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Gayle Harrell  
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 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <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  <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget  <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>  <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					600,000	600,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? 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? Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
  - 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.

There are not any penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures. The indirect penalties for failing to meet deliverables are increased permitting time frames and mitigation costs, resulting in potential losses in economic development opportunities.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Nicole Fogarty
- b. Organization: St Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)462-6406

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

- a. Name: Nicole Fogarty
- b. Organization: St Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)462-6406

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

- a. Name: Nicole Fogarty
- b. Firm: N/A
- c. Email: fogartyn@stlucieco.org
- d. Phone #: (772)462-6406

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: St Lucie County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): St. Lucie
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): St. Lucie

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 goal of this project is to assist St Lucie County with the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to address impacts to the Federally listed Florida Scrub-Jay, relating to development within the vicinity of the Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA). The County-wide HCP will provide projects consistent with its standards, reduced permitting time frames, providing a direct economic benefit to St Lucie County landowners, developers and businesses.

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
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	Hire environmental consultant to develop a County-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Florida scrub-jay as part of a complete incidental take permit application to the USFWS.	600,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		

<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		600,000

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)

N/A

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 St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners (SLC BOCC) are committed to enhancing the economic opportunities within the TCIA and as such adopted the 2010 Airport Master Plan at a public hearing. The Plan specifically addresses the need to establish regional mitigation areas to provide compensation for unavoidable Florida scrub-jay impacts and accelerate the permitting process related to the future development of TCIA.

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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed a Florida Scrub Jay Umbrella Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment in 2007 to address challenges associated with complying with the Endangered Species Act. County-wide HCP's were identified as the most comprehensive alternative for scrub jay conservation due to the protection of habitat and management of larger land areas. The primary challenge identified for county-wide HCP's is the substantial commitment of time and funding.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The project will conserve and restore imperiled scrub habitat and provide outlets for historical interests and ecotourism.	St Lucie County will assess visitation numbers and hold free nature programming on-site to increase awareness about the program.
<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	This project will directly benefit the federally threatened Florida scrub-jay, among other listed species endemic to scrub habitat by conserving and restoring imperiled scrub habitat within St Lucie County.	Biological surveys and monitoring will be deployed before, during and after to monitor/document increases in use by threatened and endangered species.
<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	A county-wide HCP will provide substantial benefits to the business community, local government, developers and landowners by providing millions of dollars in savings through reduced uncertainty, time delays and compliance costs.	The HCP will include a ledger for tracking Florida scrub-jay mitigation funding and expenditures.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Eco-tourism is a billion dollar industry in Florida, with birding being on of the core drivers. This project will provide outlets for birding, among other eco-	Increases I eco-tourism revenue and the success will be monitored by the St Lucie County Tourism Staff/Board

	tourism opportunities such as hiking and nature programming.	via social media.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	This a full-scale project with immediate job opportunities for all phases including modeling, surveys, permitting and monitoring. Furthermore, it will enable the TCIA to provide more opportunities to expand high wage jobs. Expedited federal permitting made possible by the HCP will allow new and expanding businesses to offer additional job opportunities.	Funding will be used to hire consultants to complete all phases of the project. Local firms will be given preference om a point scale basis during the request for qualifications process.
<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	Promotes conservation of imperiled scrub habitat, which will provide large natural areas where water will be allowed to filter the groundwater recharge.	Conserved natural area acreages will be calculated into BMAP credits.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		
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19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 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?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	600,000	66.7%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column E)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	300,000	33.3%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

No