

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Orange County Acquisition of Harrod Parcels
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Rene Plasencia
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>	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:					7,000,000	7,000,000

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? 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.

Appropriation funding would revert back to State if negotiations fail and the parcels are not acquired.

6. Requester:

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- b. Organization: Orange County Environmental Protection Division
- c. Email: Beth.jackson@ocfl.net
- d. Phone #: (407)836-1481

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

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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: Orange County Environmental Protection Division
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Orange
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Orange, Seminole

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?

Acquisition of 3 ecologically valuable parcels totaling 30.42 acres. The parcels are located in the northeast portion of Orange County along the Seminole County border. The lower segment of the Little Econlockhatchee River roughly bisects the subject parcels before flowing north into Seminole County. The portion of the Little Econlockhatchee River that flows through the properties has been left in its natural state. Portions of the river south of these properties have been channelized.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Appraisal firms, Surveying firms, Environmental Science Consultants (Phase I), Title Companies	70,000
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fee simple acquisition of Harrod Parcels	6,930,000
TOTAL		7,000,000

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:

Several residents in the area spoke in favor of these parcels going into public ownership. The Sierra Club is also on record of being in favor of having this parcel in public ownership. Names, dates, and testimony can be provided.

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?

Orange County will conduct appraisals of the 3 parcels and enter into negotiations with the property owner. If negotiations are successful the contract for purchase will be brought to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners for their approval. Upon approval a Phase I evaluation and survey of the parcels will occur and then close on the property. To demonstrate compliance with the award Orange County will submit annual report to the Florida Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Preservation of environmentally sensitive lands for the purposes of protecting an old growth cypress wetland adjacent to the Little Econlockhatchee River, protection of water resources and passive recreational opportunities for the citizens of Orange and Seminole County and visitors to the Central Florida Region.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Enjoying outdoor activities has been linked to mental and physical well being	Surveys of users can be conducted to gauge satisfaction with parcel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Visitors to the site would be able to view cultural resources and learn about the lives of Orange County residents in the late 1800's.	Surveys of users can be conducted to gauge the level of the educational benefit from visiting the parcels.
<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	Preservation and enhancement of environmentally sensitive lands through the use of known and acceptable land management techniques such as but not limited to prescribed Fire, invasive species management and restoration or enhancement of habitats.	Develop a land management and operational plan for the site that is approved by the Florida Communities Trust and submittal of an annual report documenting land management activities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	Preservation of this land will reduce the amount of possible impervious area in the Little Econ Hydrologic Basin.	Calculations can be made between the proposed amount of imperviousness and natural land.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality	Preservation of this natural land will serve as a tract of land that can be used for natural filtering of runoff and stormwater.	Natural lands act as filters for our surface and groundwater.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Preservation of this natural land will serve as a tract of land that can be used for natural filtering of runoff and stormwater.	Calculations can be made between the proposed amount of imperviousness and natural land. The land use of natural land has less pollutant loading than developed land.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

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:	7,000,000	99.3%	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:	50,000	0.7%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	7,050,000	100%	

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

No