



Chain of Lakes

JOINT APPLICATION
Lake Worth Lagoon and Chain of Lakes Partnership Grant Program
State Fiscal Year 2008-2009

For the funding cycle SFY2007-08, Palm Beach County is requesting \$6.75 M for Lake Worth Lagoon (LWL) and Chain of Lakes (COL) projects. This money, if approved and appropriated, will be administered in the form of grants by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and provided to local sponsors on a **minimum** 50/50 match basis (reimbursed) for construction projects to improve LWL and COL.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS: The County, municipalities, drainage districts, stormwater utilities, special districts, public schools, and public universities.

QUALIFIED PROJECT: A qualified project is one designed to have measurable improvement to the Lake Worth Lagoon or Chain of Lakes and can be completed within the time frame designated, generally from one to three years from the effective date of the budget, or by June 30, 2013. Stormwater treatment and habitat restoration projects qualify as suitable projects. Stormwater projects include pollution control devices, swale creation, and stormwater system retrofits. Habitat restoration projects include mangrove planters, littoral zone planting, muck remediation, artificial reefs and spoil island enhancement.

APPLICATION: The attached application and required attachments should be completed and received by the Grant Coordinator by 5:00 PM, Friday, May 30, 2008. Information should be provided on the front side of the application only, using type size no smaller than 10 points. Other information provided will not be considered in the selection process. **Note: For those who submitted an application last year (Fiscal Year 2007-08), you have the option of submitting an entirely new application or requesting that ERM use last year's application provided that a new schedule and cost estimate are attached.**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: The following criteria will be considered in the selection process:

- 1) Project provides substantial benefit and the expected benefit is quantified. For stormwater projects, the following information must be included for a project to receive funding consideration: acres of watershed area being treated; the type, number and, if appropriate, the size of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be built (i.e., linear feet of swales, number of baffle boxes, acres of wet detention, etc.); treatment volume captured; and projected pollutant load reductions. For habitat restoration projects, include the number of acres of restored habitat, types of plants, etc.;
- 2) Extent of compliance with the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan and State of the Lakes Management Plan;
- 3) Project identified in the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan and/or supporting the plan's goals and objectives or project identified in the State of the Lakes Management Plan and/or supporting the plan's goals and objectives;
- 4) The extent that funding exceeds the minimum 50/50 match of total project cost;
- 5) (a) Project is listed in an approved stormwater improvement plan and results in pollutant load reductions from existing sources, or (b) Project supports local, state and/or federal habitat restoration goals;
- 6) Status of permitting and specification development and demonstrated ability to complete by grant expiration date;
- 7) Provisions for monitoring project success/benefit to the LWL or COL and for long-term maintenance of the project.

NOTE: Stormwater projects which are selected will be required to document pollutant load reductions attributable to the project.

APPLICATION PROCESSING: Applications will be reviewed by staff and by the selection committee for general compliance with grant criteria to determine eligibility. Project applications will be used as back up for the Legislative Budget Request for the LWL and COL Restoration Projects and will be available for public review.

FUNDING:

Over the last nine years, the Florida Legislature has approved more than \$13.8M in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) budget for the restoration/improvement of LWL and the South Florida Water Management District has approved \$1.1M. More than \$2M has been allocated to COL restoration. This legislative cycle, Palm Beach County is requesting \$5.25M for LWL and \$1.5M for COL. These partnership grant programs are dependent on receiving State funding. If allocated, a separate selection committee will be convened for each program.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: A six-member committee selected by the LWL Executive Council and approved by the LWL Steering Committee will meet in July 2008, to determine the final grant awards based on the approved state budget and the criteria identified above. A COL selection committee will meet separately to determine final grants awards, also in July 2008. **NOTE: It is inappropriate for applicants to contact any Selection Committee member regarding their grant application(s) outside of the selection process.**

PRESENTATIONS: Applicants or their designee must make a brief oral presentation to the Selection Committees during its review of the proposed projects in July 2008. A question and answer period will follow each presentation.

GRANT AGREEMENT: Selected non-county applicants for funding must enter into a grant agreement with the Board of County Commissioners. Reimbursement costs are available **only** for construction which occurs after the contract execution date. Construction shall mean the act of physically building the project, or any of the components of the project, and shall include the process of building, clearing, planting, filling, excavation, or paving, or the substantial improvement in the size or use of any structure or the appearance of any land. Construction shall also include the transportation, installation or deployment of any completed components of the project. Construction shall not include designing, engineering, drafting or planning the project; however, these non-construction costs as well as construction costs which occur on or after the project application due date (May 30, 2008), but prior to contract execution, are eligible for match credit. Activities that are directly related to measuring the performance of the construction project or are required by permit to measure project performance are also eligible for match credit.

**Lake Worth Lagoon Restoration Partnership Grant Program (LWLPGP) and
Chain of Lakes Partnership Grant Program (COLPGP)
Application, State Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

Lake Worth Lagoon or Chain of Lakes Project?

Project Name:

Location:

Applicant:

Agent/Title:

Address:

City, State, ZIP

E-mail:

Phone:

Fax:

Estimated Total Cost of Project:

Amount of Grant Request:

Is Funding Match Already Available? If not, when?

Source(s) and amounts of match:

New project under the Grant Program?

Estimated Project Start Date:

Estimated Completion Date:

If you submitted an application last year (Fiscal Year 2007-2008), do you want ERM to review the previously submitted application?

If yes, please address only the project milestones in question 1 and the project elements/milestones table on page 3 of this application. Please be sure to include revised cost estimates. Note: You have the option of submitting a new application package.

1. Provide a detailed description of the project, including purpose, scope of work, and project elements/milestones such as design, permitting and construction (by task).

Project Name:
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2. Provide a narrative which describes how the proposed project will meet each of the Criteria for Selection noted in the application guidelines.

Project Name:
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3. Describe the project elements/major milestones that will occur over the life of the project, approximate time frames and associated costs.

Milestone	Start Date/End Date	Approximate Cost
Planning/Engineering/Design		
Bid Process		NA
Construction		
Task 1.		
Task 2.		
Task 3.		
Task 4.		
Monitoring		
Project Completion		
TOTAL PROJECT COST		
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED		
TOTAL MATCH		
TOTAL MATCH PERCENTAGE		

4. Attach: (1) a detailed site plan showing the project elements; (2) a general location map; and, (3) an aerial photo of the project vicinity, with appropriate reference points. The maps should be no greater than 11" x 17."

5. In this space, please provide any additional information that will add to the previous questions.

Certification: I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all of the statements contained in this application are correct and complete.

**Send six copies of the submittal and one original (marked) to:
 LWL/FW Coordinator
 Environmental Resources Management
 2300 North Jog Road, 4th Floor
 West Palm Beach, FL 33411-2743**

Signature:
Print Name:
Title:
Date: