



Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program

NOTICE OF DECISION

DATE: May 11, 2020
TO: All Respondents to Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program
Request for Proposals 2020-05 Small Grants Program
FROM: Kaylene Wheeler, Special Projects Coordinator
SUBJECT: Notice of Decision

As a result of the above-mentioned Request for Project Proposals, the IRL Council's Board of Directors approved the proposal ranking and project funding as follows (More detailed information is provided in Attachment 1):

1	One Health Citizen Science Fish Monitoring Project	ORCA
2	Riverside Conservancy Water Quality Monitoring	Riverside Conservancy
3	Day in the Life of the Lagoon	Surfside Elementary
4	Measuring the Impact of Sediment Composition on Sediment Oxygen Demand in the Indian River Lagoon	FIT
5	Creating a Citizen Science Seagrass Monitoring Network	Florida Oceanographic Society
6	International Coastal Cleanup	Keep Indian River Beautiful
7	Love It Like a Local – Be Lagoon-Friendly	Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition

Attached please find the ranking and funded/not-funded document (Attachment 1) and a document entitled "BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION" (Attachment 2), which describes certain rights you may have regarding this decision. You should pay close attention to the time limitations specified in the BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION.

If you have any questions, comments or require additional information based on the above recommendations, please email me wheeler@irlcouncil.org or call me at (772) 532-8811.

Enclosures:

- Attachment 1 — Final Rankings of Funded and Not-Funded Proposals
- Attachment 2 — BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION



Funded/Not Funded	Rank	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Funding	Cost Share	Total Project Cost
Funded	1	ORCA	One Health Citizen Science Fish Monitoring Project	\$3,995	\$10,000	\$13,995
Funded	2	Riverside Conservancy	Riverside Conservancy Water Quality Monitoring	\$4,820	\$3,080	\$7,900
Funded	3	Surfside Elementary	Day in the Life of the Lagoon	\$650	\$550	\$1,200
Funded	4	FIT	Measuring the Impact of Sediment Composition on Sediment Oxygen Demand in the Indian River Lagoon	\$3,983	\$0	\$3,983
Funded	5	Florida Oceanographic Society	Creating a Citizen Science Seagrass Monitoring Network	\$3,119	\$2,007	\$5,126
Funded	6	Keep Indian River Beautiful	International Coastal Cleanup	\$3,427	\$8,045	\$11,472
Funded	7	Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition	Love It Like a Local – Be Lagoon-Friendly	\$4,928	\$0	\$4,928
Not Funded	8	Central Middle School	A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon			
Not Funded	9	FIT	Continuous Monitoring of Salinity and pH of IRL Bottom water			
Not Funded	10	MDC	Dolphins IRL			
Not Funded	11	Friends of Canaveral Seashore	The Large Problem of Small Plastics in the IRL			
Not Funded	12	School District of IRC	A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon			
Not Funded	13	ORCA	A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon			
Not Funded	14	Martin County School District	A Day in the Life of the Indian River Lagoon			
Not Funded	15	A Rocha	An Ocean of Hope (not plastic)			
Not Funded	16	FIT	Monitoring Spatial and Temporal Variations of Bottom Water Dissolved Oxygen Concentrations in the Indian River Lagoon.			
Not Funded	17	FIT	Living Dock at the Melbourne Beach Pier			
Not Funded	18	ELC	Pelican Island Elementary Sustainability Coordinator			
Not Funded	19	Clean Water Coalition of Indian River County	Indian River County Water Sampling Project			
Not Funded	20	FIT	Summer '20 Workshop for HS Env. Science and Marine Science Teachers in Brevard Public Schools			
Not Funded	21	Brevard Zoo	Lagoon Quest			
Not Funded	22	Environmental Learning Center	One Lagoon Educational Display			

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Not Funded	23	Friends of Spoil Islands	St. Lucie County Plankton Monitoring Network			
Not Funded	24	MRC	IRL Exhibit Enhancement and Development			
Not Funded	25	Stella Maris Environmental Research	Wesley's Island Eco Camp			
Not Funded	26	Anglers for Conservation,	Hook Kids on Fishing			
Not Funded	27	Pelican Island National Audubon Society	Capturing Images of Nocturnal Wildlife to Educate Students and Aid in Protecting and Restoring Wildlife Habitats			
Not Funded	28	Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast	Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup			
Not Funded	29	Friends of the St. Sebastian River	Invasive Plant Removal in the Kashi Community			
Not Funded	30	Vero Beach Dog Park	Vero Beach Dog Park Waterway Outreach Initiative			
Not Funded	31	Palm Point Environmental Club	Palm Point Environmental Club			
Not Funded	32	Balance For Earth, INC.	Media For Earth			
Not Funded	33	Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute	Dolphins of the Indian River Lagoon: reducing entanglement and fostering estuary health			
Not Funded	34	H2Ology	Lagoonology			
Not Funded	35	Leslie Maloney	Mermaid Meg and the Magic Lagoon Children's Book			
Not Funded	36	Friends of the Enchanted Forest	Blue Green Connections			
Not Funded	37	St. Lucie TPA	Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Treasure Coast Corridor Community Resource Directional Signage			

ATTACHMENT 2 — BID/RFP PROTEST PROVISION

Bid/RFP Protest Provision - This procedure applies to guide the IRL Council in the resolution of all protests arising from the competitive award procedures set forth in the IRL Council Operating Procedures Manual. The IRL Council required that by submitting a bid/proposal to the IRL Council, bidders agreed to the process set forth in this Section.

- a. Notice of Protest - Notice of all IRL Council decisions or intended decisions shall be by posting to the IRL Council web site. Any person adversely affected by a bid or request for proposal shall file a notice of protest in writing, within two (2) business days from the date on the notice of the decision. A formal written protest shall be filed within five (5) business days after the protesting party files the notice of protest. No time will be added to the above time limits for mail service.
- b. Formal Written Protest - The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. The formal written protest shall be printed or typewritten and contain:
 - i. The name and address of the person or firm filing the protest and an explanation of how they are adversely affected by the IRL Council decision or intended decision;
 - ii. Identification of the procurement matter at issue.
 - iii. A statement when the notice of IRL Council decision or intended decision was posted;
 - iv. A statement of all issues of disputed material fact and, if there are none, a statement so indicating;
 - v. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged;
 - vi. A statement of the applicable law, rule, statute, or other authority upon which the protest is based and which entitle the protestor to relief;
 - vii. A specific demand for relief; and
 - viii. Any other information material to the protest.
- c. Filing Notices of Protest and Formal Protests - All notices of protest and formal protests shall be filed by hand delivery, mail or email with the IRL Council's Executive Director. A protest is not timely filed unless both the written notice of protest and the formal protest have been received by the IRL Council within the prescribed time limits. Filings received after 5:00 pm will be deemed received the next business day. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed by this Section shall constitute a waiver of all claims.
- d. Stay of Award - Upon receipt of a formal written protest which has been timely filed, the bid solicitation or contract award process shall be stayed until the subject of the protest is resolved, unless the IRL Council's Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the

continuation of the solicitation process or the contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare.

- e. Resolution of Formal Protest - Upon the written request of the protestor or on its own initiative, the IRL Council shall provide an opportunity for the protestor to meet with the Executive Director to resolve the protest by mutual agreement within seven (7) business days, excluding holidays, of receipt of a formal written protest. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within seven (7) business days, excluding holidays, of receipt of the formal written protest, or a mutually agreed upon extension of time, the Executive Director shall certify in writing to the Board of Directors that there was no resolution and provide the protestor with a copy of the certification.
- f. Quasi-Judicial Hearing - Within seven (7) business days from receipt of written certification that there was no resolution, the protestor may provide a written request that the matter be heard before the Board of Directors in a quasi-judicial hearing. Failure to provide a written request to the Board of Directors within seven (7) business days of notice shall constitute waiver of any protest. Upon receipt of a written request, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, request a written response from the Executive Director, and/or schedule the matter for hearing before the Board of Directors. Within seven (7) business days from the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Directors will provide a written final decision on the matter to the protestor.

The protestor may contest the IRL Council's decision in a court of competent jurisdiction in the county court in which the IRL Council's main office is located no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice of the IRL Council's decision, unless otherwise specified within the controlling request for proposal or qualification documents.