



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2065

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Edgewater wetland park is a +/-50 acre receiving site for high-rate public access reuse water to be utilized for indirect aquifer recharge via a constructed wet prairie habitat intertwined with recreational pedestrian trails, located within Deering Park North west of I-95 within the city limits of Edgewater. Primarily, this redirects excess reclaimed water from the city's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility away from the current surface water discharge into the Indian River (Mosquito Lagoon) and reused it to hydrate a constructed wetland recharge system. Secondly, this project also creates a public amenity for passive recreation and an ecological habitat for nearby wildlife. Currently, the land does not belong to the City, but the owner plans to make a donation of it to the City if this appropriation is granted.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

N/A

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

American Rescue Plan Act monies received totaled \$11,979,418. A portion of this was used to purchase the land for this project and a new City Hall location. \$1,979,418 was used to reline existing and leaking sewer pipe.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

of Edgewater will own the land if this appropriation is granted.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional Contract Administrator Services, est 5% of total funding amount, or individual portions thereof.	37,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design and construction costs: 1) Engineering and design for reclaimed tank and pump station and piping into a newly constructed wetlands in an upland corridor; 2) Construction and testing of the facility.	712,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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Constructing wetlands capable of receiving up to 50 to 100 million gallons per month in times of low demand for reclaimed water for irrigation will reduce total nitrogen and total phosphorous loading in the Indian River Lagoon and create wet prairie habitat which would benefit wading birds and other nearby animal species.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The City will work to create shallow basins in upland areas near the planned Deering Park North community to encourage percolation of the WWTF effluent into the aquifer.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The project is intended to capture all reclaimed water during times of low irrigation demand, thus eliminating nearly all WWTF discharges to surface waters of the Indian River Lagoon and improving public and environmental health conditions for residents, tourists, avian and aquatic animals. The park will also provide passive recreation opportunities to local residents as trails and educational kiosks will be installed to encourage public access in appropriate areas.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

All residents of the City, including those of the planned community, Deering Park North and anyone else who recreates on the water will be served by this project as the reduction of reclaimed water will benefit the Indian River Lagoon, which is a significant recreational and commercial waterway for residents.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

This protects both human and environmental health by reducing the amount of nutrients being discharged into surface waters of the Lagoon which are associated with blue-green algae blooms and fish kills. It will protect public and wildlife health, maintain or increase tourism and provide additional recreation and education opportunities within the City and surrounding areas. This outcome will be measured by the decrease in harmful algal blooms and the number of annual visitors to the wetland park.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

If the City fails to meet the deliverables of the contract, the City will reimburse the State for the funding.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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