



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Lehigh Acres GS 10 Flooding Land Acquisition

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/05/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project would provide significant stormwater storage for the Orange River, Hickey's Creek and Bedman's Creek basins by providing 2,000 acre-feet of water storage per year to catch and filter flood water and other storm-related events in the Lehigh Acres community and help reduce fresh water discharges to the estuary during the wet season.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Environmental Protection

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	4,000,000	4,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	100,000	2.4%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	100,000	2.4 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 4,100,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Land Acquisition for Water Resources - Flood Protection; inter-basin connection, storage, water quality and aquifer recharge. This project would provide significant storm water storage for the Orange River, Hickey's Creek and Bedman's Creek basins by providing 2,000 acre-feet of water storage per year to catch and filter flood water and other storm-related events in the Lehigh Acres community and help reduce fresh water discharges to the estuary during the wet season.

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

N/A

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		



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Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land Purchase for 633.88 acres, from willing seller for storm and flood protection and storage of 2,000 acre-feet per year of storm water.	4,000,000
TOTAL		4,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

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

N/A

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

Goal: Enhance/preserve/improve environmental wildlife quality. Outcome: 633.88 Acres of preserving the existing habitat or created habitat. Method: Preservation of acres to ensure storm protection. Goal: Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc). Outcome: Flood protection in number of acre-feet of water. Method: Documentation of elevation of water within the area for three years after construction. Goal: Improve transportation conditions. Outcome: Keep storm and flood-related water off of area roadways. Method: Documentation of emergencies due to flooding and water build-up on roads. Goal: Increase tourism. Outcome: Provide passive parks and nature trail visits. Method: Documentation of out-of-county visitors for 3 years following construction. Goal: Improve storm water management. Outcome: Connect the two basins. Method: Documentation of water elevation for 3 years. Other Goals: Improve drinking, surface, and groundwater qualities.

g. 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 in the contract?



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The Department may terminate the agreement at any time if the warranty made by the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District is false or misleading, or in the event of the failure of the District to fulfill any of its obligations under the agreement. In those events, no payments would be made for deliverables deemed unsatisfactory by the Department.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

When the facility is completed it will be in control by local government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.).

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** David Lindsay
- b. **Organization:** Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District
- c. **Email:** dlindsay@la-msid.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (239)368-0044

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District
- b. **County:** Lee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☒ Other (Please specify) Chapter 189 - Special District
- d. **Contact Name:** David Lindsay
- e. **E-mail Address:** dlindsay@la-msid.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (239)368-0044

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** David Ramba
- b. **Firm:** Ramba Consultants
- c. **Email:** david@rambaconsulting.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)443-4444

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant



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☒ Other (Please describe): Lee County 20/20 land acquisition funding.

☐ N/A

17. 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

18. What is the status of construction?

Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2020