



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3062

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Martin County has identified the need for drainage improvements associated with the Bessey Creek drainage area and flood plain within the Palm City Farms and western Palm City unincorporated areas of Martin County. Several portions of the neighborhoods and nearby areas have seen flooding, including ponding water that remains for several days to weeks in severe rain events. A drainage study has identified four locations with restrictions whose modification for expansion is needed to improve existing conditions.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	27%
Matching Funds		
Federal	5,500,000	73%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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

Yes



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

Martin County (MC) received \$28,093,258 from the CARES Act in 2020 which was allocated to a variety of COVID-19 relief initiatives for local small businesses, non-profits, and mental health to offset the impacts of the pandemic such as capital and operational enhancements to mitigate the spread of the virus. MC received \$31,272,363 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which is currently being utilized to provide grants to community partners and fund capital infrastructure for clean water.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

6/20/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/20/2026

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.

Martin County Board of County Commissioners
 Martin Downs Property owners Association - Partnering organization and maintaining agency

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		0
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	Funding will provide match for construction phase via Contract Agreement Between Martin County and Contractor for Horizontal Construction.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal will be to address flood control within identified areas of risk within the Bessey Creek drainage basin. Martin County has identified the need for drainage improvements associated with the Bessey Creek drainage area and flood plain within the Palm City Farms and western Palm City unincorporated areas of Martin County. Several portions of the neighborhoods and nearby areas have seen flooding, including ponding water that can remain for several days. A drainage study has identified four locations with restrictions whose modification for expansion is needed to improve existing conditions.

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

County staff will administer the Contract for design and construction of the project. County staff will also perform outreach of the project benefits and interim impacts during construction.

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

Flood control improvements can help to reduce the risk of flooding, reduce the severity of floods, provide early warning of potential flooding, and reduce economic losses. Flood control improvements can also have a number of indirect benefits, such as improved public health, increased safety, and improved quality of life.

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

The population targeted to benefit from this project is the rural and agricultural community in Palm City Farms. H&H modeling undertaken by the County has demonstrated that downstream improvements in the Bessey Creek basin will reduce the duration of flooding in the Palm City Farms area. There are estimated to be over 1,500 residents who will directly benefit from this proposed improvement.

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

The benefit is mitigated flooding impacts and risks to public and private infrastructure. Monitoring of creek water level stages and impacts to the ecosystem. Monitoring of infrastructure and properties affected by flooding. Monitoring of creek water level stages and impacts to infrastructure.

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?

Funding would be upon request for reimbursement with validation of completion according to plans and specifications at contractually agreed upon milestones and deliverables. Failure to meet contractual deliverables would result in denial of reimbursement request for 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)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- 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)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- 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?



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0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/15/2025