



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1929

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Ray's Pond has degraded over time and receives stormwater flows in excess of its design capacity. This project will regrade the existing pond (0.50 acres) and improve performance. An existing drainage ditch (approximately 2,700 lineal feet) along the northwest boundary of City limits will also be regraded to increase capacity of the ditch and redirect stormwater flows from Ray's Pond to a separate drainage basin. The end result will be a reduction in street flooding, property damage, and an improvement in the water quality discharged to the Santa Rosa Sound.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,000,000	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.**

The project is anticipated to be completed with this round 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.

The City received CARES Act (\$773,699) and ARPA (\$2,220,785) funding. CARES funding was used to support fire rescue and law enforcement services (\$773,699). ARPA funding replaced lost revenue, which permitted the City to move forward with the rehabilitation of Well #1 (\$1,110,393), Azalea Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements (\$610,393), and to provide match funding for Ray's Pond (\$500,000).

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2024

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.

The City of Mary Esther will receive the fixed capital outlay funding and secure a contractor through a competitive bid process to complete the project.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Other Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for construction costs to regrade the existing pond (0.50 acres) and improve performance. An existing drainage ditch (approximately 2,700 lineal feet) along the northwest boundary of City limits will also be regraded to increase capacity of the ditch and redirect stormwater flows from Ray's Pond to a separate drainage basin.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance



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

The goal is to reduce street and property flooding, while also improving water quality that is discharged into the Santa Rosa Sound.

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

The project will require surveying, engineering, and construction. State funds will only be used for construction.

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

Completion of the proposed improvements will increase property values, lower stress levels and improve the environment around the residential neighborhoods located in the northwest drainage basin within the City of Mary Esther.

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

The target population is the approximately 1,000 residents located in the northwest drainage basin within the City of Mary Esther.

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

Ray's Pond currently receives flows that exceed design capacity. The current ditch configuration is also failing. Even in small storm events, flood waters over top the ditch, flooding backyards and streets in the surrounding neighborhoods. Improvements to the ditch will protect the residents from flood waters and improve the functionality of Ray's Pond, thus increasing water quality. The outcome will be measured by the final stormwater treatment capacity of Ray's Pond and the regraded ditch.

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?

The construction contract will include a provision for liquidated damages for construction delays. Early completion bonuses will also be considered for inclusion in the construction contract.

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)
- 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?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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07/01/2024