



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2333

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In the short term, the collaborative nutrient loading assessment is to serve as a guide to municipal managers for the cost-effective management of nutrient sources in the watershed to improve water quality in the canal system of the Coral Gables Waterway and the quality of the discharge to Biscayne Bay. In the long term, the assessment will assist the City of Coral Gables with watershed nutrient management and infrastructure planning for adaptation to ongoing rising sea levels.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	67%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	900,000	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.

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

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



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The City received approximately 8.5 million from ARPA and used the funds for revenue replacement. The City received approximately 5.6 million from the CARES Act and used the funds for eligible expenditures including small business grants, overtime, personal protective equipment and supplies incurred due to the public health emergency.

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?

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.

This is not a construction 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		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	Contracted services of Florida International University, University of Miami, NOAA, Miami Waterkeeper, etc.	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goal is to assess and reduce nutrient levels in the Coral Gables waterway and improve the water quality of discharges to Biscayne Bay.

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



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The collaborative nutrient loading assessment of the Coral Gables waterway system discharging to Biscayne Bay, as summarized below, is designed to provide a detailed quantification of nutrient loads at critical junctures in the brackish waterway/canal system as a contributor and driver of water quality impairment in the Coral Gables Waterway and the Biscayne Bay Habitat Focus Area.

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

Improved water quality of the heavily used Coral Gables Waterway.

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

All users of the waterway and the South Florida region as a whole, as the project ultimately impacts Biscayne Bay.

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

Improved water quality for surface waters and groundwater, positive effects on recreation and tourism, improved health to waterway users etc. These impacts will be measured by continued assessments of the waterway.

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 contracting agency can withhold state funds for nonperformance.

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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

- d. **First Name** **Last Name**
- e. **E-mail Address**
- f. **Phone Number**



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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?