



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2159

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project proposes to construct a lake and STA within portions of an unopened road right of way and an FDOT lateral ditch in Martin County. The specific purpose is to provide water quality treatment benefits by reducing nutrient loads to the St. Lucie Estuary, a nutrient impaired water body with an adopted TMDL and BMAP. This project is the second phase of a project dealing with different portions of East Fork Creek. Phase I received funding through the FDEP State Water-quality Assistance Grant (SWAG) program.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,200,000	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?



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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

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

October 1, 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.

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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	Construction of a lake and STA within an unopened right-of-way.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of this water quality project will be to reduce total phosphorus, nitrogen and total suspended solids within the East Fork Creek basin and help the County in meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. The project will also help alleviate flood risks in adjacent residential communities.

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

This project will improve water quality within the St. Lucie Estuary and the Indian River Lagoon.

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

The St. Lucie River is a critically important part of the local economy in Martin County by supporting boating, fishing and other recreational uses. By helping improve water quality in the St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon this project will provide important benefits to the environment and local economy.

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

The residents of Martin County and visitors to Florida (tourism industry).

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

This project will reduce nutrient loads of Total Phosphorus (TP) by an estimated 54%, Total Nitrogen (TN) by 21% and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) by 25% within the East Fork Creek basin. The project will also help the County meet TMDL obligations for the St. Lucie Estuary. The County will implement a monitoring plan to measure how much the project improves water quality in the area.

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 project is not completed, funds will be reverted back to FDEP.

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



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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?