



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2597

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Undergrounding the areal utilities on Highway 98 from the west boundary of city limits to the intersection of Airport Boulevard will help residents, businesses, highway users and pedestrians. Highway 98 is a major thoroughfare for visitors and residents with ingress and egress on and off the peninsula. Falling tree limbs, high winds, and heavy storms are just a few of the things that frequently cause utility disruptions and destroy overhead lines. Burying lines eliminates weather-related power outages and provides more reliable service. Undergrounding utility lines eliminates fire hazards, accidents, and safety risks from power outages due to downed lines.

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	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	15,000,000	88%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	17,000,000	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.

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)?

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.

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	Surveying, as-built drawings, tunneling/boring/jacking, landscape and irrigation restoration, conduit materials, and communications.	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?

The conversion of existing aerial to underground provides the ability to promote a safer and more reliable system. Thus, limiting the shut-down or limited access as a result from weather-related events. Furthermore, safety and community health; burying lines eliminates fire hazards, accidents, and safety risks from power outages due to downed lines.

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



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The complete conversion of currently aerial facilities to underground. This includes the design, materials, construction, wreck-out of aerial facilities, and construction management.

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

Safer, more aesthetic and reliable system. Reduces the risk of limited mobility and loss of electricity as a result of storm events/damage.

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

Undergrounding the aerial utilities on Highway 98 from the west boundary of city limits to the intersection of Airport Boulevard will help residents, businesses, highway users, and pedestrians. Approximately 7,433 customers are served by the three feeder electrical service lines that would be undergrounded as a result of this project.

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

Undergrounding utility lines eliminates fire hazards, accidents, safety risks, and power outages due to downed lines. The city is located on an island and is vulnerable to power outages caused by high winds from tropical storms and hurricanes. Residents who receive power from the underground lines will still have power after a major storm because the lines are buried.

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?

Should the City of Destin not utilize the provided funding or a portion of the funding for the undergrounding of utilities in the Phase I project area, the city will be required to return the funding to the State of Florida.

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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number