



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2973

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

FY 2023-24 funding was received to regrade an existing stormwater pond (0.50 acres) and drainage ditch (2,700 lineal feet) that serves the Springdale and Scottsdale neighborhoods. During design and, through consultation with FDEP, it was determined additional stormwater capacity is needed to reduce flooding and improve treatment. A second pond will be developed within the neighborhood, with stormwater piping, to provide additional capacity to serve the Springdale and Scottsdale neighborhoods.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	19%
Matching Funds		
Federal	626,916	25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	20%
Local	921,354	36%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,548,270	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	500,000	1929	No

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.

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 (\$1,593,869) and Mary Esther Stormwater Drainage Improvements (\$626,916).

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?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

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		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	City and ARPA funding will be used to install new stormwater pipe within the neighborhoods. FY 2023-24 appropriation will be used to regrade the existing stormwater pond (0.50 acre) and existing drainage ditch (2,700 lineal feet) along the northwest boundary of City limits. FY 2024-25 request will cover remainder of drainage ditch and a second stormwater pond (approximately 0.75 acre).	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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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?

The existing stormwater pond (Ray's Pond) and infrastructure receives flows that exceeds the capacity of the drainage basin. Even in small storm events, flood waters over top the ditch, flooding backyards and streets in the surrounding neighborhoods. Regrading ditch, additional pond & piping will increase stormwater treatment capacity, protecting residents from flood waters while improving water quality discharged into the Santa Rosa Sound. The outcome will be measured by the increased stormwater treatment capacity of the drainage basin.

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
- 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) Resilient Florida Program
- 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?