



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2582

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Contractual construction services and/or property purchase to support stormwater improvements along Berman Road (truck route), a critical area of need regarding water quality (improvements) entering into the SFWMD's Nubbin Slough STA and Lake Okeechobee. Provides for protection of life, health and safety of citizenry with less flooding and for a safer roadway in this Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.

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

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)	2,000,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	10,000,000	83%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	12,000,000	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?

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



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The County received \$8,190,640.00 in American Rescue Recovery Act funds that have been utilized to address revenue loss, water, sewer, storm water, broadband infrastructure and tourist development shortfall.

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?

12/30/2026

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.

Okeechobee County is both owner and 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual design and construction services and/or property purchase to install stormwater water quality improvement and infrastructure on a highly traveled truck route, to address flooding and unsafe road conditions.	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 completed project provides driver and pedestrian safety, protects residents through water quality treatment and stormwater conveyance and reduces flooding on the roadway network and within each community.

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



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Contractual construction services to install stormwater infrastructure on highly traveled truck route, to address flooding and unsafe road conditions.

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

Direct services to citizens will be safer roadway to travel, reduced flooding, less property damage through stormwater infrastructure improvements.

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

Population served is the residents and visitors of Okeechobee County that is designated as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81; and as outlined in F.S. 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity. Greater than 40,000 expected to be served.

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

Once constructed, the completed project provides safety, protects residents through water quality treatment and stormwater conveyance, and reduced flooding on the roadway network and within each community. Benefits are improved environment with stormwater management, reduction of pollutants entering County ditches, public lands and the Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough Conservation Area; addresses minimum flow & levels; augments FDEP & SFWMD water quality improvements and standards.

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?

Contractual milestones to be adhered to throughout the project; non-payment of invoices until milestones addressed; corrective action plan, liquidated damages, if needed.

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)



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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) Water Quality Grant
- 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?