



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1399

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The City's canal systems have experienced erosion of the banks which settles on the bottom and reduces flow. This causes flooding after major storm events. The City has begun to dredge the canals and used the sediment removed from the bottom to stabilize the banks which will prevent or minimize future erosion. The restoration of the canal banks often requires the removal of trees and vegetation that has intruded into the canal banks. These trees often fall into the canal during storm events further impeding the flow and increasing the likelihood of flooding. The requested funding will be used to remove the invasive vegetation while dredging the canals and using the sediment from the bottom to restore and stabilize the 9 miles of canal banks (on both sides of the canal).

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	500,000	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.**

The City will pursue other funding sources from the State and local government. We have set aside \$250,000 in ARPA funding for the project.

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



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Yes

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	Contractor will dredge canals and restore canal banks with sediment removed from bottom. Invasive trees and vegetation in danger of falling into the canal or interfering with the water flow will be removed from the banks simultaneously.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose the canal restoration program is to restore the maximum capacity of water storage in the canals thereby preventing or minimizing flooding and to stabilize the canal banks to prevent erosion. Dangers of blockage of flow will be addressed by removing trees and vegetation from the banks while restoring the banks to prevent the trees from falling into the canal during a storm event.

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

A contractor will be hired to restore the canal banks and remove the vegetation from the banks.

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

Preventing further erosion of the canal banks will directly affect our residents who live along the canals. Because the banks are receding, residents are losing the backyard which in some instances threatens the potential loss of pools, fences and even homes. This project is a safety issue for the residents, especially for families with young children.

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

The target population is specifically the residents who live along the canals who are directly impacted by the erosion and potential flooding. The benefit also expands to properties, residential and commercial, beyond the canals who are impacted by the flooding caused because the depth of the canals has been compromised and after and during storm events, flooding is experienced. Approximately half (23,000) of the City's population and 50% of businesses (over 300) could be impacted by direct flooding or blockage of roadways due to flooding.

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

The expected benefit is increased flow in the canals, reduced flooding and preservation of private residential properties along the canals. The outcome will be measured by the volume of water retained in the canals, the reduction of damage caused to properties along the canals, number of miles of canal banks restored and volume of invasive vegetation removed. Insurance and FEMA claims are expected to be reduced due to the minimizing of flooding and the lessening of blockage of water flow due to trees falling in the canal.

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 City is committed to accomplishing the deliverables of this project and has already demonstrated the capability to perform by restoring some canal banks with general fund monies over the previous year. Payment and performance bond will be required as per City Ordinance and State Statute. A liquidated damages clause will also be added to the contract in the event that the project completion date isn't met.

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)



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- 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

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?



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20%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2024