

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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2. Senate Sponsor Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request 02/28/2023

4. Project/Program Description

To improve the Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) and Charlotte County Fire Stations communication networks' ability to withstand regional and statewide natural disasters when other forms of communications are disrupted.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	31%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	666,000	69%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	966,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No	

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

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



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We received \$36,693,553.Full document can be provided but will be broken down by Economic Recovery, Public Health and Public Safety, and Intergovernmental Assistance, Contract Health and Human Services.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

OPlanning ODesign OConstruction

- 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.

Charlotte County Utilities

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/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Construction Contract	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

It will allow the Utility to maintain potable water and wastewater operations during major storm events. Provide redundancy and central core operations.

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

Charlotte County Utilities will be managing these funds to ensure proper usage.

, any fixed capita
12/31/2024
11/2023-12/2023

Yes



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

The purpose of fiber optic installation project will be to improve Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) communication networks' ability to withstand natural disasters and continue to provide communications for wastewater collection during those natural disasters, when other forms of communications are disrupted. CCU maintains a county-wide system of operations, including wastewater reclamation plants. To support both in-plant and remote operations requires a highly reliable system of communications.

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

Charlotte County residents in and around the Burnt Store area

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

Resiliency and cybersecurity; overall improved communication; project will mitigate the risk to the community's potable water and wastewater collections systems due to security breaches/threat's and natural disasters.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would lead to forfeiture of the remaining balance and/or reimbursement

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name	Denise	Last Name	Caruthers
b. Organization	Charlotte County Utilities	Operations S	upervisor
c. E-mail Address	Denise.Caruthers@charlottecountyfl.gov		
d. Phone Number	(941)764-4505	Ext.	

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners
b. Municipality and County Charlotte

c. Organization Type

□For Profit Entity

□Non Profit 501(c)(3)

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)

□Local Entity

□University or College

☑Other (please specify) Local Government

d. First Name	Emily	Last Name	Lewis
e. E-mail Address	e. E-mail Address Emily.Lewis@charlottecountyfl.gov		
f. Phone Number	(941)743-1582		



17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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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?

Not ready.

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026