



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Billy Creek Restoration

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/05/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The funds will be used for the construction of the Billy Creek Restoration Project estimated at \$1,000,000. The City will use the State Procurement process to retain the services of the design consultant and construction contractors. Billy Creek is a major water body that abuts 1500 homes and flows into the Caloosahatchee River. The Creek often floods due to deposition of excess sediment on the bottom, limited access, overgrowth of vegetation, pollution from trash and debris, and bank failures. The outcome is expected to decrease the nutrient loading into the creek and maintain a better aquatic habitat. The bank protection selected will include vegetation which will also provide additional nutrient uptake, further reducing the nutrient load to the downstream Caloosahatchee River. The City has been successful in improving water quality through two filter marshes and a Downtown Detention Basin. The improvements will also provide additional recreational activities for residents.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Environmental Protection

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	775,000	775,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	775,000	43.7%
Local	225,000	12.7%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	1,000,000	56.4 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,775,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

To provide increased capacity and water flow reducing flooding and improving quality of life for residents in the area.

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

To provide dredging services, exotic removal and shoreline protection.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Design	100,000
Operational Costs		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction Services	900,000
TOTAL		1,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Reduced or eliminated flooding and improved water quality and improved recreational opportunities

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

1500 residents for reduced flooding and 72,000 residents will have access to the Creek for recreational activities.

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

Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality monitored by observation of wildlife in Creek; protect the general public from harm by reducing flooding incidences monitored by observation of reduced peak stages during storms and rain events; improve stormwater management by increasing flood protection evident by less flooding complaints

g. 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 in the contract?

Impose an improved maintenance schedule

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

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13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Donna Lovejoy
- b. **Organization:** City of Fort Myers
- c. **Email:** dlovejoy@cityftmyers.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (239)321-7217

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Fort Myers



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b. County: Lee

c. Organization Type:

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

d. Contact Name: Saeed Kazemi

e. E-mail Address: skazemi@cityftmyers.com

f. Phone Number: (239)321-7030

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone Number:

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (Please describe)
- ☒ N/A

17. 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

18. What is the status of construction?

Shovel Ready. Study is completed and permits have been initiated

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?



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Construction has not begun

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

unknown