



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1943

1. Title of Project: Putnam County Florahome Drainage District/Etoniah Creek Dredging

2. Senate Sponsor: Keith Perry

3. Date of Submission: 02/01/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Grantee will design restoration of the Florahome Drainage District/Etoniah Creek waterways to allow for a unobstructed drainage flow and secure any necessary St. Johns River Water Management District Permits. In conjunction with this project, the grantee will also conduct engineering investigations necessary. This investigation will consist of surveying the ditches/canals including cross section profiles at 50 foot stationing/coring to determine the natural cross section and required dredging.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,250,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	5,250,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1500000

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Solicit a qualified consultant to conduct a feasibility study consisting of 15 miles of surveying the ditch lines including cross section profiles at 50 foot stationing/coring to determine the natural cross section and required dredging, hydrology and engineering.	750,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Upon completion of feasibility and design services, soliciting a qualified contractor to complete the specified construction per the approved design plans and State and Local Agency Permitting requirements.	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	During construction establishing a maintenance berm to allow future canal system maintenance for heavy equipment over a 15 mile system	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of the project is to minimize agricultural flooding that currently impacts an estimated 5000 acres of agricultural use land in the Florahome Drainage District/Etoniah Creek regions.

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

Investigative studies, design, dredging, and channel improvements will enable proper flow of waters throughout the Florahome Drainage District/Etoniah Creek regions.

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

Improvements to the Florahome Drainage District/Etoniah Creek regions that will reduce/eliminate flooding and improve drainage.

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

An estimated 1000 to 2500 citizens are anticipated to receive a direct benefit from the reduction/elimination of flooding whereas the entire region will receive secondary benefits in the form of economic benefit.



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

Reduction/Elimination of flooding that impacts residential and agricultural lands thus improving the economic agricultural pursuits and overall environmental health conditions of the region.

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 in the contract?

Contracting agency to absorb costs associated with features of work failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided in contract.

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.

The Florahome Drainage District canal system is a drainage easement system belonging to Putnam County. Etoniah Creek is a waterway system that belongs to FDEP.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Putnam
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Local Government
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe): USDA NCRS Grants
- 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? Conceptual

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? July 31, 2021