



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2388

**1. Title of Project:** Columbia County - Bell Road Corridor Water Loop

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

**3. Date of Submission:** 03/12/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Columbia County is seeking assistance to install water utilities along the Bell Road Corridor. The County and FDOT have funded, designed, and permitted the paving upgrades to Bell Road for Industrial development. Project 18-6 plans to make a \$25 million capital investment constructing a 100,000sqft facility with 48 high-wage jobs if the utilities are constructed. In addition, the looped waterline will provide redundant supply and pressure to existing Target Distribution facility.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,215,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>

**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)	1,215,000	92.40%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	100,000	7.60%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a water distribution main that would provide redundant supply and pressure to an industrial development corridor adjacent to I-10 and connecting US 41 and US 441	1,215,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,215,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Columbia County is seeking assistance to loop the City of Lake City water system along the Bell Road Corridor to promote economic development and provide resiliency to the City water system. The County and FDOT have funded, designed, and permitted the paving upgrades to Bell Road for Industrial development. Project 18-6 plans to make a \$25 million capital investment constructing a 100,000sqft facility with 48 high-wage jobs if the utilities are constructed. In addition, the looped waterline will provide redundant supply and pressure to existing Target Distribution facility.

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

Columbia County, working with the City of Lake City and the FDOT, will pave Bell Road and install wastewater and natural gas lines along with the requested looped water line. Project 18-6 plans to make a \$25 million capital investment constructing a 100,000sqft facility with 48 high-wage jobs if the utilities are constructed. The City of Lake City will own, operate and maintain all utilities and the County will maintain the roadway.

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

Project 18-6 will provide 48 jobs. In addition this project opens an additional 500-acres to industrial development and job creation opportunities.

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

Columbia County has been designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity with poverty levels higher than the State average and lower educational attainment. Project 18-6 will provide 48 jobs. In addition this project opens an additional 500-acres to industrial development and job creation opportunities.

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

This project will allow industrial and logistic development along the Bell Road Corridor which is adjacent to I-10 and connects US 41 and US 441. In addition it will loop the City water system providing improved water quality



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and pressure, and and redundant water supply, for existing development such as the Target Distribution Center. The outcomes will be measured by job creation, capital investment, and improved water flow and pressure readings at fire hydrants near the Target site.

- 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?**

The State may demand repayment of a prorated amount of the total award

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 City of Lake City will become the owner of the water line upon completion of the project. The City and County are enacting an inter-local agreement for this project. The County is pursuing this project for economic development and community resiliency. This will allow the City to provide water service to industries located along the Bell Road Corridor.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Columbia County
- b. **County:** Columbia
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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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)
- 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?** County is working on design and permitting.

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

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 01/31/2020