



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1133

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Port LaBelle is one of the fastest growing areas in Hendry County, with 176 homes being built in 2019, 402 homes in 2020 and an additional 413 expected by the end of 2021. The Port LaBelle Utility System (PLUS) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is in need of expansion to provide additional plant capacity as rapid growth is expected to continue in the Port LaBelle area and the eventual increase in residential connections that will occur with the expansion of centralized sewer. This area is included in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) BMAP area in the eastern Caloosahatchee basin. This project would provide both environmental and economic improvements not only in Hendry County, but also in portions of adjacent Glades County which is also served by the Port LaBelle Utility System. Staff submitted a grant application for a FDEP water quality grant in July 2021 for the total estimated project cost of \$29,290,000.00 for for design, permitting, and construction.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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Staff submitted a grant application for a FDEP water quality grant in July 2021 for the total estimated project cost of \$29,290,000.00 for design, permitting, and construction of the WWTP expansion.

**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.**

Cares Act Funds \$7,332,515.00  
 FHFC Funds \$186,549.70  
 E911 State Board \$36,000.00  
 HHS Stimulus \$25,418.81  
 FAA Covid Funds \$81,372.00  
 Emergency Housing Vouchers \$33,960.00  
 ARPA \$4,081,140.50

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Permitting, design and engineering	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Expanding the WWTP will allow for additional capacity for septic to sewer conversions in the Port LaBelle Utility System Service Area

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

Design, permitting and engineering services to expand the wastewater treatment plant.

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

Project does not provide any direct services to citizens

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

Users within the Port LaBelle Utility System Service Area

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



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be measured?

Expansion of the plant will allow capacity for future septic to sewer conversions along with allowing capacity for future sewer connections.

**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?**

Revocation of funds to the state

**13. 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.**

Hendry County Board of County Commissioners



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

#### c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

**17. Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) DEP grants
- N/A

**18. 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

**19. What is the status of construction?**

Not ready

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/31/2023