



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1135

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Airglades Airport Industrial Park is located west of Clewiston in Hendry County, on the south side of US27. Airglades is shovel-ready for new tenants; however further development is hampered by a lack of wastewater capacity. Having increased wastewater capacity is critical in order to receive additional tenants at Airglades and create much needed jobs for the region. This request is for funding of the construction and construction engineering inspection services for a wastewater force main from Airglades to the City of Clewiston's existing wastewater treatment plant and utilities. This project is a multi-year, multi-agency, multi-million dollar investment that will spur economic development opportunities at Airglades and the surrounding area. The force main would also open up the corridor west of Clewiston for additional development that is much needed in order to sustain the economic environment in Hendry County as a whole and for the entire region.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,800,000</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)	1,800,000	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>1,800,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	1,000,000	1607A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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?



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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	Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection Services	1,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,800,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The construction and construction engineering services of a force main from Airglades Airport to the City of Clewiston's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and decommissioning the Airglades WWTP. Expected gains include environmental benefits due to the elimination of septic systems along US 27 and the wastewater plant at Airglades, increased wastewater capacity at Airglades, and the ability of future development along the route of the force main to connect to said force main instead of installing septic tanks. This project is anticipated to remove approximately 2,416 lbs. of Nitrogen and 340 lbs. of phosphorus from the Caloosahatchee River.

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

Construction of the designed and permitted improvements along with the required construction engineering inspection services.

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

The addition of businesses being able to locate along the US27 corridor will provide many jobs and additional services for the region. Residential home development will also be able to locate in this area due to the forcemain project as there is a housing deficit and infrastructure is needed.

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

Project does not provide any direct services to citizens



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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?**

Positive economic impacts as businesses will be able to locate along the US 27 corridor. Hendry County has one of the highest unemployment rates in the State and this project is paramount in order to provide the proper infrastructure for development while protecting water quality concerns in the area. Expected benefits include environmental benefits due to the elimination of the wastewater plant at Airglades, increased wastewater capacity at Airglades, and the ability of future development along the route of the force main to connect to said force main instead of installing septic tanks. This project is anticipated to remove approximately 2,416 lbs. of Nitrogen and 340 lbs. of phosphorus from the Caloosahatchee River from replacing septic systems with central sewer and addition wastewater capacity to the Airglades Airport, to accommodate future development.

**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

**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?**

Construction contract executed

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

0

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

08/01/2022