



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1245

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Remove the three remaining package waste water treatment plants in Estero and connect those approximately 733 homes to central sewer. Project will include decommissioning the existing package waste water treatment plants and constructing sewer lift stations and force mains to connect these communities to central sewer.

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	530,000
Total State Funds Requested	530,000

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)	530,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	570,000	26%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	530,000	24%
Other	540,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,170,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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The Village received \$540,000 in COVID-19 pandemic assistance. The funds were used were used for additional cleaning of Village Hall, computers to allow remote work, testing and masks.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Decommissioning of the existing package waste water treatment plants and construction of lift stations and force mains to connect three communities to central sewer	530,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		530,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to remove sources of bacteria and nutrients from the Estero River and Estero Bay watersheds to improve their water quality. The ultimate goal is to eliminate enough bacteria and nutrient sources so the Estero River and Estero Bay are no longer identified as impaired by FDEP. The Estero Bay is a State Aquatic Preserve and the Estero River is an Outstanding Florida Waters.

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

The project will remove three potential sources of nutrients and bacteria from the Estero River and Estero Bay watersheds.

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

Removing potential sources of bacteria and nutrients will improve the Estero River and Estero Bay water quality. This will improve the recreational opportunities in both water bodies. It will also, help preserve both for future generations.

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

That target population is all Estero and Lee County residents. Improved water quality will improve recreational opportunities, increase property values, and increase tourism.

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

The expected outcome is improved water quality in the Estero River and Estero Bay. The project will eliminate three sources of pollution from the Estero River watershed.

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?



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The Village of Estero proposes to include liquidated damages in the project's construction contract.

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.

The Village of Estero is the entity requesting funding. The existing water treatment plants are privately owned and operated by Tahiti Village Venture I, LLC, Sunny Groves Park, Inc, and Cypress Bend RV Resort. After the projects are completed the infrastructure will be owned by the private communities and Lee County Utilities, the public utility for this area of Estero.



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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)
- ☒ 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?

Under Design & Permitting

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/15/2023