



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1697

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To improve water quality and beneficially reuse advanced treated water in lieu of surface water discharges, Plant City is employing an integrated water management approach at McIntosh Preserve. A Florida's Communities Trust property, the restoration and expansion of 175 acres of wetlands manages reuse, stormwater, and excess surface water as precious resources towards producing multifaceted environmental benefits. The construction of this project removes 7,620 pounds of Total Nitrogen and 2,280 pounds of Total Phosphorus per year from surface waters, beneficially reuses recycled water to hydrate wetlands and keep them healthy, and provides the public access to wild and scenic Florida.

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	1,750,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,750,000

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)	1,750,000	31%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,248,700	39%
Local	1,735,700	30%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,734,400	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	1,000,000	1755	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The City of Plant City received \$6M dollars in pass-through funding from Hillsborough County for COVID-19 related assistance. The funds were used for safety, building, and technology modifications to provide safe working environment.

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	Design and construction of wetland treatment cells and the management excavation material on-site to build Florida Mound. A 45 ft high hill, constructed with excavated material, reduces project costs by not transporting material offsite and provides public access to view wetlands through ADA trail and observation platforms at the top of the hill.	1,750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,750,000

12. Program Performance

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

Construct project to improve water quality, restore 172 acres of wetlands, treat stormwater and remove 7,620 pounds of Total Nitrogen and 2,280 pounds of Total Phosphorus, beneficially reuse reclaimed water rather than discharge into surface waters, decrease localized flooding, and increase public access per FCT land management plan.

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

Engineering (from 30% plans to construction ready plans) and construction.

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

Improve localized funding to residents and business adjacent to 363 acre preserve and expand public access through construction of 45 foot Florida Mound to view 363 acres of protected wild and scenic Florida.

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

Residents of Plant City and Hillsborough County and visitors to Central Florida. The McIntosh Preserve resides within an 8,500 acre drainage basin, thus improving water quality and flood mitigation will have resounding positive effect on a large portion of this basin.

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



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Improvement in surface water quality and the beneficial reuse of advanced treated wastewater. Water quality and recycled water effluent monitoring.

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?

Increased monitoring and reporting of project performance.

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.

City of Plant City is the owner and operator of the facility,



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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) FDEP Grant and SWFWMD Cost Share
- ☒ 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?

Scheduled to commence in January 2023

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

February 28, 2025