

# The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2093

1. Project Title Ocala - Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion - Phase IV

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

**3. Date of Request** 12/27/2021

### 4. Project/Program Description

This project is to establish an alternative water supply for the City of Ocala's potable water customers at Water Treatment Plant no. 2. This project would cover the construction of a High Service Pump Building, and the purchase and installation pumps and associated equipment. The City currently draws water from the Upper Floridan aquifer and anticipates a dramatic reduction on the impact to the Silver Springs spring shed if the raw water source is changed to the Lower Floridan.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,992,800
Total State Funds Requested	1,992,800

### 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)	1,992,800	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,992,800	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	3,985,600	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

Yes
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a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

SJRWMD Cost-Share Funding program

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.



### 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/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funds will cover the Phase IV of this project which is the construction of a High Service Pump Building and the purchase and installation pumps and associated equipment.	1,992,800
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 1,992,80		

### 12. Program Performance

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

This project will reduce the amount of water withdrawal from the Upper Floridan aquifer (UFA) and move to the Lower Floridan aquifer (LFA) which is considered to be a suitable alternative water supply.

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

Funds will cover the Phase IV of this project which is the construction of a High Service Pump Building, and the purchase and installation pumps and associated equipment.

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

By moving towards the LFA as a source of potable drinking water, the City would be limiting the amount of water being withdrawn from the UFA. This new source will decrease the negative impact on the Silver Springs by dramatically increasing the springs' water levels.

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

Target population would be City of Ocala's water service territory customers which is approximately 60,000 individuals.

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

The current well field is approximately 2 miles from Silver Springs which is considered to be a first magnitude springs. This well field is hydraulically connected while the new well field is unconnected hydraulically to Silver Springs.

# 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?

Standard penalties, bonding requirements, and state/federal license requirements.



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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 Ocala.



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# 14. Requestor Contact Information

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	c. Organization Type				
	□For Profit Entity	ty			
	□Non Profit 501(c	c)(3)			
	□Non Profit 501(c	c)(4)			
	☑Local Entity				
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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) SJRWMD Cost-Share Grant Program
- D 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?

01/01/2024