



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1135

1. Project Title Coral Gables Force Main Replacement Program

2. Senate Sponsor Ileana Garcia

3. Date of Request 02/03/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Coral Gables is proposing to replace its existing sanitary sewer force main pipe system. Due to the age and substandard pipe material, the existing sewer pipe force main is vulnerable to breaks that cause wastewater spills and overflows that can become the source of groundwater and surface water pollution; and ultimately affect water quality and the natural environment. This project is necessary to prevent nutrient pollution and negative impacts to water quality in groundwater and surrounding surface water bodies. It is also important to the maintenance of overall public health. Additionally, this project will also improve the capacity and reliability of City's sewer force main system, which serves residents throughout the municipality.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	700,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>700,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	700,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	700,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,400,000</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? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

If state funding is not awarded, the City will likely delay the project until local funds become available.

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.

The City received approximately 8.5 million from ARPA and used the funds for revenue replacement. The City received approximately 5.6 million from the CARES Act and used the funds for eligible expenditures including small business grants, overtime, personal protective equipment and supplies incurred due to the public health emergency.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☒ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2024

12. List 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.

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### 13. 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 Engineering services during construction	700,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>700,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will be used to fund improvements to prevent sanitary sewer spills and overflows from an aged sewer collection system. The City aims to replace and upgrade existing force main lines with new PVC pipes in addition to installing proper valves and features. Benefits will be realized by the community at large and by the surrounding environment.

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

Design and construction services will occur to replace portions of and maintain the existing force main.

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

The sanitary sewer service will be more resilient, including reduced nutrient pollution and reduced negative impacts to water quality in groundwater and surrounding surface water bodies. Citizens will experience reduced risk of exposure to contaminated waters thereby improving overall public health.

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

The entire community of Coral Gables is expected to benefit as well as any individuals who live outside of the city but who are connected to the city's sanitary sewer system. Approximately 50,000+ individuals.

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

The environmental benefits of this project can be measured by monitoring pollution levels in surrounding water bodies (including Biscayne Bay) and in ground water. The City currently partners with FIU to monitor water quality in certain key areas and would be able to assist with this endeavor.

**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?**

Withholding grant funds.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. 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



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☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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

#### 18. 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

#### 19. 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

#### 20. What is the status of construction?

#### 21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

#### 22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?