



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1648

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Blountstown is seeking funds to clean up Lake Hilda, which lies in the center of the City. Lake Hilda serves as a major receiver of storm water for nearly half of the City of Blountstown through runoff to the Lake and upstream creek. The Lake is managed by the City through a gate dam system, allowing the water to flow into Sutton Creek towards the Apalachicola River. These funds will be used to purchase sections of Lake Hilda, dredge existing muck, and remove fallen trees and vegetation that has built up since Hurricane Michael. The excess build up causes a flooding hazard by taking up space that is normally filled water, and leaving less capacity in the Lake for major storm events. Having a greater capacity in the Lake will allow the City to manage the water to prevent potential flooding.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	500,000	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?



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Yes

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

\$1,223,586.00 - These funds are being used for upgrades/repairs to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/31/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

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.

The City of Blountstown is the requesting entity. The requested money shall be used to purchase the property from two owners.

13. 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	Land Purchase, Study, Design, and Construction.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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These funds will be used to purchase sections of Lake Hilda, dredge existing muck, and remove fallen trees and vegetation that has built up since Hurricane Michael. The excess build up causes a flooding hazard by taking up space that is normally filled with storm water from the surrounding drainage basin, which covers nearly half of the City. The water from Lake Hilda is controlled by a gate dam system. The water flows through the dam into Sutton Creek, which flows to the Apalachicola River.

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

Lake Hilda is fed from a small creek and stormwater from the surrounding drainage basin, and flows into Sutton Creek which connects to the Apalachicola River. The water level in the Lake is controlled by the City's dam on the South end of the Lake. Cleaning the Lake will help prevent flooding of homes near the Lake and near Sutton Creek.

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

Dredging and removing unwanted materials in Lake Hilda will allow for a greater volume of water to reside in the Lake. A greater capacity will allow the City to better control the water levels of the Lake and manage the amount of water that flows through the dam into the creek below, lessening the opportunity for flooding.

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

The target population includes the homes and families that live on Lake Hilda and those that live down-stream of Lake Hilda that may be in the path of possible flooding. 25-50 individuals

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

Removing excess muck and debris will allow Lake Hilda to have the capacity to hold more stormwater from the surrounding drainage basin and creek. This project will bring Lake Hilda back close to pre-Hurricane Michael conditions. The water levels and operation of the dam will be controlled by the City.

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?

The City will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures, should funding be made available.

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



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☐ University or College

☐ 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?



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