



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1841

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request will construct two water production wells, water treatment plant, as well as the associated construction items to provide potable water at the North Florida Mega Industrial Park (NFMIP) for future industrial clients. This will compliment the Wastewater treatment plant that is already under construction. A water plant at the NFMIP will provide future tenants of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park potable water for industrial warehousing, and manufacturing job along with workforce housing and commercial businesses. The NFMIP is one of Florida catalysts site as designated by the FL Department of Economic Opportunity. Jobs in industrial warehousing, and manufacturing jobs will create better opportunity for families in North Central Florida.

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	5,716,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,716,000

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)	5,716,000	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	5,716,000	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Columbia County received \$2,000,000 in CARES Act Funding that was allocated towards the NFMIP WWTP to shore up an existing grant. \$13.9 million of ARPA money was divided up as follows: \$6.2 million for Fort White water projects, \$4 million for the NFMIP WWTP, 1.7 million in business assistance, 679k for individual assistance, and \$1 million for emergency home repair. An additional \$729,853 came from the LCTPA portion of funding that is uncommitted.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Columbia County

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	Of the \$5,716,000 request, construction will cost \$4,947,000, surveying, wetland delineation, engineering, design, and other contingencies will cost \$769,000	5,716,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,716,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of this project is to have industrial/economic development sites located in the North Florida Mega Industrial Park and create high-wage employment for the 15 county region. This water plant will complement the wastewater treatment plant that is already under construction.

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

The funds will provide for a construction of a water treatment plant, wells, and piping.

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

The water plant will ensure shovel ready jobs with above median income in Florida's target industries.

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

The NFMIP has a labor force of 1,200,000 within a one-hour drive. The project will serve the 15 county region. Many of these counties are part of the North Central Florida Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

County will track actual capital investment, increase in tax base, number of jobs created, and wages for jobs created.

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?

Remittance of funds back to the state.

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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address



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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?