



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1842

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This project will construct a new Solid Waste facility to serve the residents and visitors of Gilchrist County. The new facility will replace and expand an existing facility which is unable to efficiently process the dramatic increase in waste our county has experienced. The project will allow for safer daily operations while reducing the amount of negative environmental impacts caused by solid waste. Furthermore, we will increase recycling capabilities and offer more services to the area. Specifically, we plan to expand our facility to the neighboring 9.6 acres of county owned land and construct a 10,000 sq ft transfer station building with a full tunnel design, a 1,500 sq foot scale house, a 5,800 sq ft metal canopy over inbound and outbound scales, a 1,500 sq ft HHW and Mosquito Control building, a designated Aluminum, Metals, Cardboard, Plastics, Yard Waste and Tire recycling areas. We have experienced an 86.76% increase in solid waste from 2761.44 tons to 5310.79 tons since 2012.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	9,268,941
Total State Funds Requested	9,268,941

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)	9,268,941	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	440,000	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	9,708,941	100%

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.**
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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.

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.

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	Materials, Construction, Land Prep, Planning and Engineering, Capital Equipment	9,268,941
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,268,941

14. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose for the funds being requested is to construct a new Solid Waste transfer facility to serve the residents and visitors of Gilchrist County. The new facility will replace an existing facility which is outdated and unable to process the dramatic increase in waste our county has experienced. The project will allow for a desperately needed expansion as well as more efficient daily operations while improving the health of our local environment.

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

The services provided will be continued and expanded collection and disposal of Solid Waste, recyclables and Mosquito Control within our county. The funds will allow for a desperately needed new facility and expansion of our current capabilities. Currently, we are underequipped to sustain the volume of solid waste and recyclables. These funds would greatly improve health, safety, and efficiency.

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

Services provided include removal and disposal of solid waste including but not limited to household garbage, construction and debris waste, tires, waste oil, yard waste, leachate, recyclables, toxic roundups. We also provide Mosquito Control. These services are critical to the health and wellness of our community and environment and we are currently incapable of maintaining the ever increasing demand.

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

The general population will be served by this project- we have a county population of 18,360 with over 175,000 annual visitors.

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

The expected benefit will be increased capacity and efficiency on our already strained Solid Waste facility as well as increased recycling abilities, expanded services to residents and visitors, illegal dumping and littering mitigation, and reduced operations costs. The outcome will be measured by tracking the increase in Solid Waste tonnage, tracking the decrease in operational costs, documenting the increase in recycled goods processed, track and log decrease in illegal dumping and littering and track new and expanded services offered following new facility.

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?

Deliverables/Performance will be measured monthly. If deliverables/performance are not met according to contract, they will be addressed immediately by County staff and the County engineer. If corrections are not successful within a timely manner, funds will be returned.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number