



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2010

1. Project Title Lee County Septic Conversion Billy Creek & Orange River Impaired Water Area

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 02/23/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Convert 77 residential septic systems to central sewer in the Billy Creek and Orange River impaired water area within the Caloosahatchee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) to reduce nitrogen loading to impaired water and improve protection and restoration of the water quality within the county's Caloosahatchee River and Estuary Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP). This project is rated a high priority in the Countywide Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), which evaluates the number of on-site septic systems, projects population demand, and prioritizes capital improvement projects for septic conversion.

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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	5,000,000	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.

Local funds, but these are limited in the wake of Hurricane Ian response and long-term recovery.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

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

Lee County used CARES Act - \$168.5m, Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) 2021 - \$23.3m, and ARPA - \$188m for household rent, mortgage, utilities, childcare, food distribution assistance; for small businesses relaunch, mitigation of the spread of the virus, and technical assistance; for local programs for public health, behavioral health, workforce training, affordable housing, homelessness services, educational disparities; and for County infrastructure projects.

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?

6/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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
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	Complete construction and implementation of converting 77 residential septic systems to central sewer in the Billy Creek and Orange River impaired water area within the Caloosahatchee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP).	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Construction of forcemain laterals, connections, and decommissioning of 77 private residential septic tanks.

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

Connection to central sewer and decommissioning of private septic tanks.

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

77 residents of the Billy Creek and Orange River impaired water area.

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

Reduce nitrogen loading to impaired water and improve protection and restoration of the water quality within the county's Caloosahatchee River and Estuary Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP). Measurement will be continued under the Lee County and FDEP monitoring of TMDLs and progress toward BMAPs.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

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 (239)533-2107

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name Christopher J. Chaney

b. Firm Name The Advocacy Partners

c. E-mail Address cc@cardenaspartners.com

d. Phone Number (850)222-8900

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?

Planning

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025