



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2035

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Lowell community, located in northwestern Marion County, includes the Florida State Fire College and State Prisons. This area has been identified with on-site groundwater contamination by perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) due to years of runoff from fire training activities and related materials. As of July 2022, almost 200 supply wells have been sampled; water produced by nearly 20 wells had levels of PFOA/PFOS above the health advisory level and several more were close to the health advisory level. Marion County has developed a concept plan to extend a centralized potable water system into the Lowell community, which would provide clean drinking water to the residents within the area. The proposed 12-inch water line extension is approximately 35,513 feet or 6.73 miles in length with valves, fire hydrants and a water booster station included.

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	6,305,503
Total State Funds Requested	6,305,503

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)	6,305,503	86%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	14%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,305,503	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.

\$155,429,917.67. Funds have been used for infrastructure upgrades and to mitigate impacts of COVID 19 including but not limited to testing, vaccination, PPE, overtime, support for businesses, support for not-for-profits, support municipalities, and rental assistance for families.

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?

11/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2024

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.

Marion County Utilities, a department of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, owns and operates the utilities.

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	Funds would be used for the design, permitting, and construction of a 12-inch water line extension approximately 35,513 feet or 6.73 miles in length with valves, fire hydrants and a water booster station included.	6,305,503
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,305,503

14. Program Performance

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



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The Lowell Area has been identified with on-site groundwater contamination by perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), as well as soil contamination detected above the FDEP's provisional cleanup target levels. The project will provide clean drinking water to the Florida Fire College and Prisons located in the Lowell Area.

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

Propose to install the required infrastructure (water mains, valves, fire hydrants, water booster station, etc.) to provide central potable water service to the State Fire College and Prisons located within the Lowell Area. The Lowell Area has been identified with on-site groundwater contamination by perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), as well as soil contamination detected above the FDEP's provisional cleanup target levels.

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

Provide central potable water service to the State Fire College, Prisons and citizens within the Lowell Area.

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

The population includes Lowell Correctional Facility = 1,456 capacity; Lowell Annex = 1,500 capacity; Marion Correctional = 1,324 capacity; Reception Center = 1,235 capacity; and State Fire College = 7,000 students per year. The project would provide infrastructure to allow service connections to properties along the route.

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

By providing a central potable water system, the Lowell Area would have the opportunity to disconnect from local wells that may be or may have the potential to be contaminated by PFAS in the local water supply. The central water system also provides improved fire flow to the Lowell Area to improve fire protection.

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?

Return unused portion of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

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b. Organization Marion County Board of County Commissioners
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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Marion County Board of County Commissioners
b. Municipality and County Marion

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) County Government

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