



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2128

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

For contractual engineering planning design services of stormwater conveyance and inlet improvements to reduce nutrients and volume of runoff entering County ditches and public lands that flows to Nubbins Slough Conservation Area. Design to address resiliency and flooding, allowing for safer transportation, ensures continued health, safety and welfare of citizenry residing in Spot in the Sun/Four Seasons communities and homeowners and businesses located along Berman Road, an 8.5 mile evacuation and truck route that includes solid waste, freight and work trucks.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	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.

The County received \$8,190,640.00 in American Rescue Recovery Act funds that was used to address Jail Expansion/Renovation from revenue loss, water, sewer, storm water, broadband infrastructure and tourist development shortfall.

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?

05/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2026

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 County is the owner 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual engineering planning design services for stormwater conveyance improvements	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is improved life, health, safety and welfare of citizenry residing in Spot in the Sun and the Four Seasons communities, the homeowners and businesses located along Berman Road, an 8.5 mile evacuation and truck route that includes solid waste, freight and work trucks with completion of stormwater conveyance and inlet improvements that will reduce nutrients and volume of runoff entering County ditches and public lands that flows to the Nubbin Slough Conservation Area. Design will address resiliency and flooding; allowing for safer transportation.

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

Activities include seeking contractual engineering planning design services for stormwater drainage and enhanced (safety) transportation system through the County's procurement policies.

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

Direct services to citizens is improved life, health, safety and welfare with completion of stormwater drainage infrastructure and enhanced (safety) transportation system.

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

Population served is the residents, businesses and visitors of Okeechobee County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81; and as outlined in F.S. 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity; Benefit is approximately 4,000 residential properties and solid waste, freight and work trucks accessing industrial areas.

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

Expected benefit is completion and certification of the final design that provides a shovel ready project to move forward with construction that will improve life, health, safety, water quality with appropriate treatment of drainage and surface water runoff that protects the environment and wildlife of the Taylor Creek/Nubbins Slough Conservation Area. Completion of final design and construction will provide the general public with safer transportation, less property damage, reduced flooding and improved water quality/quantity and improved flows to SFWMD Taylor Creek/Nubbins Slough Conservation Area located in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed; addresses permitting agencies regulations.

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?

Contractual milestones to be adhered to throughout the project; non-payment of invoices until milestones addressed; corrective action plan, liquidated damages, if needed.

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)



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- 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

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?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?