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Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3144

1. Project Title

Lehigh Acres - ROBUST - Rehydration of Bedman (Creek) Utilizing Storage & Treatment, Phase 1

2. Senate Sponsor

Kathleen Passidomo

3. Date of Request

02/22/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (LA-MSID) desires to purchase a 15-acres parcel adjacent to the floodplain in Bedman Creek during ROBUST Phase I. During 2023's -sister bill (ROBUST Phase 2)", this parcel will be excavated & submerged and provide water quality during the wet months. The adjacent flood plain will provide storage. Water control structures will regulate flows downstream on Bedman Creek and additional flow will be diverted to Carlos Waterway.

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	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	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.

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

No



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

N/A

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

N/A

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.

Land acquisition for preservation, conservation, enhancement and public enjoyment. LAMSID would initially receive the funds, and upon closing would transfer the funds to Flynt's Pavillion LLC, the current owner of the property in exchange for LAMSID receiving title to the property. Closing would be by March 31, 2024.

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	Land acquisition for preservation, conservation, enhancement and public enjoyment. LAMSID would initially receive the funds, and upon closing would transfer the funds to Flynt's Pavillion LLC, the current owner of the property in exchange for LAMSID receiving title to the property. Closing would be by March 31, 2024.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

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?

This area of Bedman Creek falls into Lee County's jurisdiction and is a point where our two systems interact. Improvements to this area will greatly help not only the residents located here but will have positive impacts on the impaired water-body - the Caloosahatchee River. ROBUST will regulate high-flows downstream on Bedman Creek, which has been prone to flooding in most years.

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

The improvements along with improvement functionality of the system will include beautification and will allow for more passive use and educational opportunities.

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

Elderly persons
At-risk youth
Preschool students
Grade school students
High school students
University/College students

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

ROBUST, Phase I includes the purchase of a 15-acre tract that will be excavated to the proper elevation to maximize treatment following rain events. By raising the elevation of stormwater in Bedman Creek's floodplain, the head pressure is increased, forcing more recharge. The water in the floodplain will have already been "cleaned up" on the constructed shelf on the parcel purchased in this appropriation. ROBUST, Phase I will regulate stormwater on Bedman Creek as well as creating a diversion to Carlos Waterway. This provides strategic options for LA-MSID to relieve flooding in one area will diverting it to another basin or sub-basin. ROBUST will regulate high-flows downstream on Bedman Creek, which has been prone to flooding in most years. This will be accomplished by storing move water in Bedman's upstream flood plain and by creating a diversion to Carlos Waterway.

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?

If LA-MSID fails to close on the property by March 31, 2024, the funds will be returned 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



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- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☒ Other (please specify) Independent Special District-Govt.

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?



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N/A

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 31, 2024