



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1933

1. Project Title Washington County Fanning Branch Vital Stormwater Infrastructure Restoration Project

2. Senate Sponsor Jay Trumbull

3. Date of Request 02/21/2023

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The existing Fanning Branch Culvert, southwest of Vernon in Washington County, is failing due to the substantial increase in stormwater runoff since Hurricanes Michael and Sally. This funding will be used to design and install a new box culvert at the same location to correct the deficiencies that lead to uncontrolled stormwater runoff that threatens the pristine Holmes Creek waterway as well as State Highway 79, a major evacuation route and economic artery through this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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	1,534,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,534,000</b>

#### 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)	1,534,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,534,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?

Yes



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

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners has received \$4,400,000.00 in COVID related federal assistance that has been used to support its First Responders and Emergency Personnel.

## 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?

12/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

### 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.

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners, the requesting entity, owns and maintains the the stormwater infrastructure to be improved.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering (including survey, geotechnical, and enviromental) design and construction of box culvert replacement at Fanning Branch to reduce sedimentation and erosion into Holmes Creek and mitigate flooding threats to State Highway 79.	1,534,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,534,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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This funding request will provide for the design and construction required to restore and/or replace the damaged and inadequate Fanning Branch culvert in Washington County, thus better protecting residents and travelers from dangerous flooding and better protecting nearby waterbodies like the Pristine Holmes Creek from harmful contaminants in uncontrolled stormwater runoff.

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

The completion of the proposed stormwater infrastructure improvements at the failing Fanning Branch culvert will directly address the existing issues and meet the goal of protecting residents and travelers from dangerous flooding and better protecting nearby waterbodies like the Pristine Holmes Creek from harmful contaminants in uncontrolled stormwater runoff.

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

This is an infrastructure project. However, a safe and functioning stormwater system benefits all County residents and they environment they live in.

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

A safe and functioning stormwater system benefits all populations in its service area. However, based on Census data, nearly 2,335 residents in the area at and adjacent to the existing Fanning Branch culvert.

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

The completion of the proposed stormwater infrastructure improvements at the Fanning Branch culvert will serve to protect area environmental quality; improve transportation conditions; improve economic activity; improve tourism; and to improve stormwater, wastewater, groundwater, drinking water, and surface water quality at and around the Fanning Branch culvert. These benefits will be measured by improved water quality at and around Holmes Creek, as well as through reduced threat of flooding to State Highway 79.

**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 and performance measures will be defined in the FDEP funding Agreement. Penalties for failure to meet those deliverables or performance measures will also be outlined in the Agreement and should follow state law and FDEP policy regarding infrastructure projects.

**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)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☒ 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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0%

**22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/31/2024