



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3082

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Complete conversion of 98 parcels--including 85 residential septic systems--to central sewer in the Billy Creek and Orange River impaired water area within the Caloosahatchee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP). The project will 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**

State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	42%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,500,000	25%
Local	2,000,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,500,000		No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No Yes

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.

\$134,459,744 - CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds used to provide community aid and government services. Expenditure and outcome reports located at <https://leeficare.com/transparency#documents>

\$41,679,062.80 - Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1 & ERA2) for rent and utility assistance provided to income qualified residents.

\$149,675,549 - American Rescue Plan Act allocations at <https://www.leegov.com/ARPA/Documents/Approved%20ARPA%20Allocations%20May%2026%202023.pdf>

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
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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	Design, permitting and construction of the sewer system improvements, connection fee reimbursements, and decommissioning of existing septic systems.	2,500,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	2,500,000
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14. Program Performance

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

LCU is proposing complete construction and implementation of converting 85 residential septic systems and 13 vacant lots to central sewer in the Billy Creek and Orange River areas within the Caloosahatchee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP).

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

The activities include the decommissioning of 85 private septic tanks and construction of sewer laterals, force main and lift stations.

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

Connection to central sewer and decommissioning of private septic tanks. Once project is complete, Lee County Utilities will own, operate and maintain the collection system and supporting elements for this project once accepted.

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

This project will target 85 current residential septic systems and 13 future vacant lots of the Billy Creek and Orange River impaired water body area. The estimated amount of individuals served is projected to be 245 individuals.

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

The project is expected to improve water quality by reducing the environmental discharge of Nitrogen from 85 septic tanks and 13 vacant lots into the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary Basin of Southwest Florida through connection to central sewer and decommissioning of private septic tanks.

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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Local 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

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) DEP- Protecting Florida: Water Quality Improvement Grant, Caloosahatchee Funding
- 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?