



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2613

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Front-end engineering and permitting for Robust Advanced Recycling facility in Northern Florida. This funding will be used to bring the project to "shovel-ready status." This Regenerative Robust Gasification facility is capable of accepting 100% of municipal solid waste, medical/biological waste and certain hazardous chemical waste. Organic materials will be converted to Eco-Methanol(TM), a primary feedstock chemical used to produce many new products, plastics and packaging materials. This facility can accept fluorinated and chlorinated polymers, such as PFAS and PVC.

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	1,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,750,000</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)	1,750,000	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>1,750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

## 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?

06/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2025

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.

YFW Global LLC is the controlling entity. YFW Global is owned by Ted Yoho, Michael Ferrari and Bruce Welt.

### 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	Environmental Consultants for project/site permitting. Engineering, Construction, Procurement consultants from front end engineering (FEL-3).	1,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,750,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Bring this project to shovel ready status ready for financing.

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

Environmental permitting and front-end engineering.



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

Advanced recycling, diversion of landfill waste, reduced landfill methane emissions, production of valuable feedstock chemical, Eco-Methanol, which will generate local sales tax revenue and good jobs.

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

This is a regional project serving all citizens whose waste is handled by the landfill. The population surrounding this landfill is estimated to be about 500,000 people generating up to 2000 tons per day municipal solid waste.

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

Permitting and front-end engineering are necessary to seek offtake contracts from Eco-Methanol and offtake contracts are necessary to secure financing for this project. Success will be measured by successful financing of this project.

**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?**

The funding agency ultimately has the power to grant permits or not. Failing to receive a permit should not be grounds for penalties, but rather a process to mitigate any issues that affect the permitting issue. Ultimately, there is no reason permits would not be issued, so no penalties should be considered.

**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)  
☐ Local Entity  
☒ University or College  
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name   
e. E-mail Address   
f. Phone Number

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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a. Name

None

b. Firm Name

None

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number