



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1452

1. **Project Title** Liberty County - Hosford Water System Improvements2. **Senate Sponsor** Bill Montford3. **Date of Request** 10/29/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Liberty County is seeking funding to install drive-by meters in Hosford and make improvements to their Hosford Well #3 operations. The County only has 3 staff members in the water department to cover the entire County. Reading each meter is time consuming and prevents staff from being able to perform other necessary maintenance on the County's system. With this system, the County will be able to maintain the system more efficiently and help to quickly identify water leaks. The County was not able to read the meters for over 3 months following Hurricane Michael due to the debris covering the meters, costing the County almost \$100,000 in revenue. The County also wishes to enclose the building that shelters the Hosford Well #3 equipment, along with other minor upgrades.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental ProtectionState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text"/> 000
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text"/> 400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input type="text"/> 400000	<input type="text"/> 100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
Local	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
Other	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	400,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Meters and computer system installation Enclose shelter and minor upgrades to Hosford Well #3	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000



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11. Program Performance

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

It is anticipated that the installation of drive-by meters in this project will reduce staff time, providing a more economical benefit to the County. The meters will also help get a more accurate reading and quickly detect any water leaks. To enclose the building will also preserve the equipment and help maintain continuous operations.

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

The requested funds, if awarded, will be used for the installation of the new water meters for all current customers in the Hosford/Telogia area connected to the County's water system along with the installation of the computer program that is necessary for the water department to read the meters. It will also be used to enclose the Hosford Well #3 building and construct/install minor upgrades.

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

The citizens that are benefited from these improvements are expected to be able to have any water leaks and spikes in water usage detected much quicker because the program will be able to track the usages more efficiently than the practice currently used.

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

There is approximately 500 customers of the County's Hosford/Telogia water system that will be served by these improvements.

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

The County will benefit from the receipt of these funds by allowing the County to detect water leaks quickly, and reduce staff time for an economic benefit. The County can monitor employee timesheets to determine the efficiency of the upgraded operations.

- 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 in the contract?

The Auditor General conducts audits for both City and State agencies.



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12. **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.**

Liberty County owns and operates the Hosford Water System, which is receiving the proposed improvements.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. 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

17. 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

18. What is the status of construction?

19. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.