



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2249

1. **Project Title** Loxahatchee Groves Canal System Rehabilitation

2. **Senate Sponsor** Bobby Powell

3. **Date of Request** 01/10/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

By making the Independent Special District, the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District dependent to the Town, the Town now manages a 100-year old Water Control District in bad need of maintenance for a 32-mile canal system. The project will permit the Town to dredge and adequately dispose of collected matter to improve the function and clarity of the water. Also, re-establish proper canal cross-sections, eliminate decaying matter and debris. promote native vegetation, reduce storm debris, and increase stormwater storage to improve drainage.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	550,000
Total State Funds Requested	550,000

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)	550000	50.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	550,000	50 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,100,000	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		

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	Canal dredging, surveying, testing, disposal of collected matter, re-establish proper canal cross-sections, eliminate decaying matter and debris.	550,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		550,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The project will permit the Town to dredge and adequately dispose of collected matter to improve the function and clarity of the water. Also, re-establish proper canal cross-sections, eliminate decaying matter and debris. promote native vegetation, reduce storm debris, and increase stormwater storage to improve drainage.

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

Canal dredging, surveying, testing, disposal of collected matter, re-establish proper canal cross-sections, eliminate decaying matter and debris.

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

Providing improved water for agricultural delivery, providing improved water quality for wildlife, fish, and preserves in rural community, increased water quality, storm water collection, environmental protection, and increasing AgroTourism and the equestrian industry in this rural area will increase tourism and better management of canal system.

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

Rural local agricultural community, rural equestrian community, citizens within the 3,400 population of the community, surrounding communities and county population and visitors attending local farm fresh and AgroTourism farms and events.

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

Benefits include providing improved water for agricultural delivery, providing improved water quality for wildlife, fish, and preserves in rural community, increased water quality, storm water collection, environmental protection, and increasing the AgroTourism and equestrian industry in this rural area. Increased tourism and better management of the canal system with improved drainage system will enhance storm water management in this 100 year old Water Control District with much needed maintenance. Increase in water depth will increase waterways ability to prevent flooding and removal of invasive aquatics, increasing native vegetation will improve surface water quality. Methodology will include surveying and testing.

- 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?

Liquidated damages will be included in contracts by the Town of Loxahatchee Groves for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures stated to contractors. Standard contract penalties for the contact between the town and state are sufficient.



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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.

The Town of Loxahatchee Groves

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.