

## The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**1. Project Title** Bradenton Beach Overhead to Underground Power Line Conversion

2. Senate Sponsor Jim Boyd

**3. Date of Request** 01/31/2023

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Following Hurricane Ian, the City was the first barrier island city on Anna Maria to restore its power due to the \$2,000,000 underground conversion granted by the State in 2019-2020 and \$300,000 in local funds. The south end of the City (including SR 789) and the business district were converted from overhead aerial lines to underground and were immediately restored and serving the visitors, emergency service crews and businesses. This request will enable the City to begin the conversion process in the north end of the City, thereby eliminating fire hazards, blackouts, and safety risks from downed lines and keeping the SR 789 corridor open for evacuations. This project is also supported by the FDOT (written letter of support) as a significant means of improvement to the SR 789 corridor by creating an area to install pedestrian and non-motorized means of transportation along the State Road. This will reduce future acquisition and construction costs for the FDOT Complete Streets Project.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? Yes

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

#### 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)	3,000,000	100%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	0	0%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%	
Local	0	0%	
Other	0	0%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,000,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
21-22	0	3,000,000	1665A	Yes	

#### 9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

### b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

None available. The local funds are extrememly limited and it will take many decades to underground the power lines of City.



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### 10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

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?

OPlanning ODesign OConstruction

- 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.

Yes

9/30/2023

9/30/2025

Florida Power and Light and any other carriers leasing the power lines, i.e. Spectrum, Verizon, Comcast.

#### 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	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Surveying, Design, Permitting, Bidding and Construction Engineering Inspection services, plus Project Construction including bollards, sidewalk reinstallation, landscape replacement, conduit, wire, transformers, and like materials.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	3,000,000

#### 14. Program Performance

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



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SR 789/Gulf Drive is the only means for visitors and residents to get on and off Anna Maria Island. Falling tree limbs, high winds, and heavy storms are just a few of the things that frequently cause utility disruptions and destroy overhead lines. Burying lines eliminates weather-related power outages and provides more reliable service and greater resiliency. Safety and Community Health Burying lines eliminates fire hazards, accidents, and safety risks from power outages due to downed lines. Following Hurricane Ian, Bradenton Beach was the first barrier island city on Anna Maria to have its power restored due to the 2019 \$2,000,000 State Appropriation it received to convert the south end of the City, SR 789, and its business district from overhead aerials to underground power lines. This area became the main hub for emergency crews and the public.

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

The complete conversion of current aerial facilities to underground. This includes the design, materials, construction, wreck-out of aerial facilities, and construction management. This project will have a dual benefit of creating a corridor of usable property without the need for property acquisition by the FDOT for the Complete Streets Project. The City of Bradenton Beach will acquire all easements and land acquisitions needed for the underground conversion.

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

Safer, more aesthetic and reliable system. Reduces the risk of limited mobility as a result of storm events/damage. Improve resiliency for power service to the residential and tourist community on a barrier island.

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

Elderly, residents, businesses, tourists, and students. The City is mostly tourist populated with approximately 80% of the residences being rentals. There were nearly 1,000,000 visitors in Manatee County in 2021.

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

#### be measured?

Immeasurable benefit of providing a safe evacuation route from the Barrier Island for Bradenton Beach and Longboat Key along SR 789. Benefit of keeping power on during storm events for a tourist-driven area will increase visitors and tourist dollars to the area. The benefit of removing the power lines from the rights-of-way in very limited real estate (barrier island developed in 1957) provides huge opportunities to install stormwater drainage, wider and safer pedestrian and bicycle corridors (some streets do not have sidewalks in the beach community) and will enable a tram trail to connect the main business area of the City to a water-front beach parks that consists of more than 1/3 of the City along the Gulf of Mexico.

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?

Return unused funding to the State.

#### **15. Requester Contact Information**

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**b. Municipality and County** Manatee

#### c. Organization Type

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□For Profit Entity



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	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)				
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