



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1786

1. Project Title Pinellas Park Beacon Run North & South Ponds Water Quality Project

2. Senate Sponsor Nick DiCeglie

3. Date of Request 02/20/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The North and South Beacon Run Ponds directly outfall into the Cross Bayou Canal (within the Cross Bayou Basin). The FDEP and the EPA have determined the Basin to be impaired due to high counts of fecal coliform and nutrients. The ponds are overgrown with invasive species and large amounts of sediment and can no longer sustain stormwater levels for which they were originally developed. Vegetation overgrowth is blocking sunlight penetration to the water, thus causing higher bacterial counts. Increased sediments do not allow nutrients to settle out of water prior to being discharged to the impaired water body.

The proposed project includes cleaning and excavation to restore both ponds' capacity; irrigation repairs; cleaning all inflow and outfall pipes; tree trimming and removal; and sod replacement.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

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)	450,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	450,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	900,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

At the present time, the City's general budget is unable to offset the total cost of this project. Without state funding, this project will be an unfunded line item while alternative resources are researched.



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

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Pinellas Park received \$934,253.32 in CARES funding that was used to cover expenses that the City incurred as a result of COVID-19 including remote working equipment/setup, additional cleaning/sanitizing, and re-fabrication of work stations. The City received \$9,685,810.00 in ARPA funding that will be used for a Sewer Connector project and Youth Park Improvements.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2024

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.

The City of Pinellas Park maintains Beacon Run North and South ponds and is the only entity receiving fixed capital outlay funding.

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	Construction/Engineering to include cleaning and excavation to restore both ponds' capacity; irrigation repairs; cleaning all inflow and outfall pipes; tree trimming and removal; and sod replacement.	450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

14. Program Performance



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

The specific purpose/goal of the proposed project is to reduce street and property flooding/puddling. Consequential outcomes include improved stormwater outfall into the Cross Bayou Canal, reduction of future mosquito infestations, elimination of invasive species and sediments, and reduction of pollutant levels.

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

In order to restore the ponds to their originally developed capacity, this construction project's activities include cleaning and excavation; irrigation repairs; cleaning all inflow and outfall pipes; tree trimming and removal; and sod replacement.

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

Restoring the ponds to their full capacity will reduce the levels of pollutants flowing into the Cross Bayou Canal. Removing invasive species, sediments, plants and trees is essential to restoring the ponds' balance. Street flooding will be prevented making the roadways accessible to commuters, especially in the event of an evacuation. Mosquito infestations will be reduced, thus addressing serious public health and safety concerns and improving the quality of life for residents.

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

The general population of the greater Beacon Run community will be primarily served by this water quality project. This community has a population of more than 7,000 with nearly 3,000 housing units.

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

The City expects the following benefits/outcomes as a result of this water quality project: Economic Development - local businesses will increase sales; local workers will be hired to complete the project. Growth/Job Training - employees of the Stormwater Division receive training that meets current state guidelines for maintaining projects such as the Beacon Run North & South Ponds Water Quality project. Energy/Efficiency - the need for high powered pumping equipment after large storms will be reduced. Water Quality Improvements - reductions in pollutants will also occur. Public Health - completing this project will improve public health as a result of reduced mosquito infestations.

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?

Agencies contracting with the City are required to purchase surety bonds at 100% of the cost of the project. Payments may be withheld pending satisfactory achievement of performance measures or deliverables.

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)



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- ☐ 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

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)
- ☒ 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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0

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2024