



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2690

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Due to Hurricane Ian, Lee County Utilities (LCU) has experienced a loss of customer base and tourism that resulted in a revenue shortfall of \$1,755,167.98 from storm landfall Sept. 28, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Revenue recovery will help fund operational and maintenance repairs that provide reliable water and wastewater service to Lee County residents and guests.

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	1,755,168
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,755,168

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)	1,755,168	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	1,755,168	100%

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?

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



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Lee County used CARES Act - \$168.5m, Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) 2021 - \$23.3m, and ARPA - \$188m for household rent, mortgage, utilities, childcare, food distribution assistance; for small businesses relaunch, mitigation of the spread of the virus, and technical assistance; for local programs for public health, behavioral health, workforce training, affordable housing, homelessness services, educational disparities; and for County infrastructure projects.

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)?

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.

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	Loss of water and sewer rate revenue from LCU's established customer base and reduced tourism will help with routine system wide operational and maintenance expenditures.	1,755,168
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,755,168

14. Program Performance

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



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

Routine preventative and reactive maintenance of the water and wastewater infrastructure. LCU's total operations and maintenance has increased significantly and with continued growth these expense will continue to climb.

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

Reliable water and wastewater service.

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

General (the majority of funds will benefit no specific group)

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

Maintenance of collection and distribution systems to continue to provide reliable service to residential/ commercial areas. No customers within Lee County Utility service area will be without water or wastewater services.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to cancellation.

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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number