



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2117

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed Turkey Branch Water Storage and Treatment project will more than double the existing Nicodemus Slough project, utilizing approximately 19,000 acres to create more water storage and treatment in the Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee basins. This additional capacity will provide significant nutrient removal, reduce pressure to discharge waters to the Caloosahatchee with high nutrient levels, and provide a clean source of water to supplement dry season flows to the Caloosahatchee River.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>

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)	1,250,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,250,000	1665A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Future-year funding is the next phase after permitting, construction. Projects such as these have been state-funded. Amount needed for construction will be refined as the permitting process proceeds.

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



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Yes

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

\$57,641 - Payroll tax credits  
 \$1,900,657 loan - \$1,868,868 for labor; \$31,789 for qualified business expense.

## 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.**

Lykes Bros, Inc. owns the property and is managing the PD & E for the project and will manage construction as well. It is the entity which has and will receive the funding.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Finalize the design, permitting and engineering of a major regional stormwater treatment facility in the Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee basins. Consultants are preparing permit applications with 2022-2023 funding. The requested funding the project will be utilized to fund the final phase of permitting, design and engineering.	1,250,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,250,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Finalize the design, permitting and engineering of a major regional stormwater treatment facility in the Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee basins. Consultants have completed the concept plan for the project and demonstrated feasibility. Requested funds will be utilized to finalize the design and permit the project. Final design will be in consultation with DEP and SFWMD and other stakeholders, and funds will be used to prepare and process permit applications.

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

Professional engineering and consultant work to assemble the information, design the project and obtain permits from multiple agencies needed to proceed to construction.

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

When built, the project will store water which reduces nutrients, helps reduce the need for harmful discharges to the Caloosahatchee, and provide a source of water in the dry season to help maintain proper balances in the Caloosahatchee River.

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

The human, fish, and wildlife populations in and around Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River.

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

Reduces nutrients which can produce harmful algae blooms known to have impacts on humans, fish, and wildlife. Storage amounts and nutrient reduction will vary based on rainfall and operational guidelines when the permit is issued, but both will be measured and monitored. Dry season releases will also be measured and monitored. From experience with other similar projects, there are wildlife benefits as well.

**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?**

The project costs are intended to be paid on a reimbursement basis. There will not be reimbursement payment for failure to meet deliverable schedule.

**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



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- 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)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- 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?**

**22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**



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12/31/2026