



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2340

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Aquatic Gardens/Hopkins Creek Flood Mitigation project will build on the prior phased improvements to better protect the Aquatic Gardens community from flooding events by investing in improved stormwater storage and flow in a primarily workforce housing area.

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 | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 500,000 |

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) | 500,000 | 17% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 1,509,750 | 54% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 300,000 | 11% |
| Local | 503,250 | 18% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 2,813,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2022-23 | 0 | 500,000 | 1665A | No |

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.**
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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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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?

September 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 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.

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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 | This project includes increasing the culvert capacity at Cutlass Drive and reshaping the drainage ditch to provide additional stormwater storage to reduce flooding potential for adjacent homes that are currently in or near the 100-year flood zone. | 500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 500,000 |

14. Program Performance

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

The goal of the requested funds is to provide proper flood mitigation, which is essential to community health and the safety of people and property. This project will build on the prior phased improvements to better protect the Aquatic Gardens community, which contains primarily workforce housing.

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

Improve the culvert capacity at Cutlass Drive. Improve the capacity of the Hopkins Creek ditch via rehabilitation and widening.

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



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Protection of homes and property from flooding after heavy rainfall and tropical events.

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

Approximately 1,500 residents who live in the Aquatic Gardens community. In addition, the greater population of Atlantic Beach will benefit as local roadways will flood less often with proper flood mitigation.

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

Reduced incidences of flooding of homes, property and roadways when compared to historical data

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?

Penalty- Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

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
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address



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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?