



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2432

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The city will provide owners of vulnerable properties the opportunity to either elevate their homes in areas prone to flooding, or alternatively, allow the city to purchase their home so that they can relocate outside of the floodplain area. Any properties acquired by the city will be deed restricted to remain open space in perpetuity for stormwater management or water quality purposes. These efforts also reduce the need for additional funds from the National Flood Insurance Program.

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	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	83%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	17%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22		300,000	2236A	Yes

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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The city has an Urban County Agreement with Lee County for CDBG Entitlement Funds. The city's HUD allocation for CDBG-CV funds was \$496,713. The city has partnered with local non-profit organizations for a food insecurity grant program. The program is designed to feed the local citizens in Bonita Springs either through a hot meal distribution or through the distribution of a food pantry program. The city's agreement with Lee County expires on September 30, 2023.

## 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?

July 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 2027

### 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.

Should the homeowner decide to elevate their home, the city would partner with the homeowner and once elevation is complete the homeowner would continue to reside in the unit. Should the homeowner decide to sell their home to the city, the city would acquire the home and then demolish the structure. The land will remain in the city's name in perpetuity.

### 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		0
<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	Engineering and related construction activities for elevating structures in flood-prone areas. Title searches, appraisals, surveys, closing agents, and other related costs for acquisition of vulnerable properties. Demolition of acquired homes and other related activities to clearing the parcel for open space in perpetuity.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Improve stormwater management, reduce potential risk of flood impacts

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

The city will guide and assist property owners through all stages of the elevation and/or buyout process to allow residents an opportunity to relocate out of the flood-prone vulnerable areas.

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

Assistance with due diligence processes, relocation, and other related activities.

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

Economically disadvantaged residents. Residents in vulnerable and flood-prone homes. 25-50 individuals will participate, and the community at large will benefit.

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

Reduced risk of storm surge and riverine flooding in residential homes For acquisitions, requirement for deed restrictions to preserve open space for stormwater management and water quality projects Relocates vulnerable residents into safer homes. Reduction of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss of properties in the city and reduced number of NFIP claims.

**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 could include repayment of funds.

**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