



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1756

1. **Project Title** Okeechobee County Berman Road South Stormwater Conveyance & Easement2. **Senate Sponsor** Ben Albritton3. **Date of Request** 11/07/20194. **Project/Program Description**

For contractual engineering design of stormwater improvements on Berman Road South including required legal services to obtain necessary easements from property owners. Tasks include preliminary engineering, surveying, permitting, preparation of appraisals, attorney's fees, recording fees, court costs and/directives of the Court to grant stormwater utility easements on private property. The acquisition of critical stormwater utility easements & final design allows for construction. Designated by FDOT as Evacuation Route, this 8.5 mile roadway floods & is heavily traveled (1,000 trucks per day) by commercial semi-tractor trailers, garbage trucks, local traffic, evacuees, etc. & is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity. Addresses permitting agencies water quality/quantity requirements & improved flows. County applied for Federal BUILD & FDOT SCRAP grants for resurface & shoulder widening to ensure the continued health, safety & welfare for all travelers.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental ProtectionState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text"/> 000
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text"/> 1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text"/> 1,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input type="text"/> 1500000	<input type="text"/> 100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
Local	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
Other	<input type="text"/> 00	<input type="text"/> 0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text"/> 1,500,000	<input type="text"/> 100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractual engineering design & legal stormwater utility easement services	1,500,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Purpose is to resolve flooding with stormwater utility easements acquisitions & stormwater conveyance design to meet permitting agencies regulations in order to proceed with construction. Completed project allows for reduction of flooding, stormwater conveyance & inlet improvements to reduced nutrients & volume of runoff entering County ditches & public lands.

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

Contractual engineering design & legal stormwater utility easement acquisition services through the County's procurement policies & procedures. Design tasks include preliminary engineering, surveying the existing ditch conditions, staking out the design & cross sections & collecting as-built information, engineering design, preparing construction plans & specifications, permitting with the Federal, State & County agencies. Legal easement acquisition services include preparation of appraisals, attorney's fees, recording fees, court costs and/directives of the Court to grant stormwater utility easements on private property. The acquisition of critical stormwater utility easements & design will allow construction to commence.

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

Improved life, health & safety by reduced flooding, improved stormwater conveyance and reduction of nutrients entering County ditches & public lands. Safer Evacuation Route/modes of transportation on this 8.5 mile heavily traveled roadway by commercial trucks (1,000 trips per day), evacuees, local & pass through traffic to reach Florida's Turnpike/S.R. 60.

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

The State, County, residents, citizenry, general public & evacuees. More than 50,000 individuals to be served.

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

Expected benefit is utility easement acquisition & final design for construction. Measure is a complete set of engineering drawings for construction & appropriate Court required easement acquisition documentation & permits. Meets FDOT, FDEP & SFWMD programs addressing water quantity/quality treatment of stormwater conveyance. Improved life, health & safer Evacuation Route & modes of transportation for all travelers on this heavily traveled 8.5 mile roadway. Reduction of flooding, reduction of accidents.

- 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 in the contract?

implementation of corrective action plan, non payment of invoices until milestones achieved



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12. **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.**

Okeechobee County is the owner and the entity.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.