



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1046

1. Project Title Belle Glade Lake Okeechobee Watershed Area Stormwater Conveyance Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor Tina Polsky

3. Date of Request 01/04/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Design & construct stormwater conveyance in the NW/SW 3rd SW Ave. B Extension Corridor to prevent flooding, protect life, health, safety of residents, visitors, businesses, property & State waters. Keep citizens employed, businesses open & operating, maintaining revenues in financially disadvantaged community located in a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity within the Lake Okeechobee Watershed. Includes water quality/quantity regulations of FDEP/SFWMD. Flooding occurs during heavy rainfalls as experienced during Hurricane Irma. Project includes inlets & related drainage with related curbing & roadway reconstruction that will tie into the improved connection at SW Ave B. Construction of road on the muck (organic rich soil) requires floating a roadway over the muck or demucking to the depth of limestone rock, making roads more costly. Demucking provides a more stable & longer lasting platform for road & drainage systems.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350,000	64%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	100,000	18%
Local	100,000	18%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	550,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	100,000	1635a	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes

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

The City was reimbursed \$31,361.83 from Palm Beach County CARES funding for expenses to secure City facilities/properties; social distance modifications, PPE, sanitizing supplies/equipment; technology hardware/equipment software required for remote working/teleconference meetings, etc. and received \$62,277 from the US Department of Justice CARES funding for two thermal camera units to protect employees and visitors to City Hall facilities.

11. 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	Contractual Engineering & Construction Services	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

Purpose or goal that will be achieved is to design & construct the stormwater conveyance system in order to improve life, health & safety for the citizens, visitors, residents & business community by providing safer transportation as the streets will drain properly, prevention of flooding to nearby businesses & loss of revenues. Citizens stay employed when businesses are able to keep operating, reduction of property damage, & protection of State waters with improved water quality components in this financially disadvantaged community located within the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin. In addition, the project also addresses the water quality/quantity component of the permitting agencies of FDEP and SFWMD that includes the reduction of TMDL's, pollutants, phosphorus and nitrogen loads entering the State's water resources. Return on the State's investment is through the stormwater utility at \$150 per year, per ERU.

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

Activities & services provided from this funding include, but are not limited to, preliminary engineering, final design, and permitting, bidding, construction project management, engineering during construction & construction services of the stormwater conveyance system that includes 640 feet with an additional 350 feet with inlets & related drainage for 990 feet in total with related curbing. Reconstruction of the Hillsborough drainage outfall; replacing pipe connections to the roadways, inlets, piping, curbing, & roadway reconstruction, which requires floating roadways over the muck or de-mucking to the depth of the limestone rock.

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



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Once constructed, the direct services provided to citizens will be improved life, health & safety with safer transportation as the streets will drain properly, the reduction in flooding of nearby businesses, keeping businesses open & operating, prevention of lost revenues & property damage, keeping citizens employed, improved stormwater flows & quality treatment. Protection of public health & the environment with the stormwater water quality & quantity components. These apparatus collect the debris & trash, mineral oils & coolant from cars that can be carried by the stormwater runoff that pollute the water, kill fish, frogs & other aquatic species. The debris can pose dangers for aquatic plants and wildlife. Birds & fish can be poisoned by eating cigarette butts. The construction of the stormwater conveyance supports FDEP & SFWMD clean water standards for the Northern Everglades Ecosystem & Lake Okeechobee.

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

The number of individuals expected to be served include the visitors, residents and businesses of the City of Belle Glade and the surrounding Lake Okeechobee Region areas including Pahokee, South Bay and Canal Point, which exceeds 30,000.

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

Expected benefit or outcome is improved life, health & safety for the State & its residents, citizens & visitors that includes improved stormwater flows & quality water treatment, prevention of lost revenues, wages & property damage. Provides for safer transportation, protection of public health & the environment & supports FDEP and SFWMD clean water standards for the Northern Everglades Ecosystem & Lake Okeechobee Watershed. Reduction of TMDL's, pollutants, phosphorus & nitrogen loads entering impaired State waters is achieved with the water quality/quantity components included with this project that address & capture the debris & trash that can be carried by stormwater runoff directly into a conveyance system, a lake or canal. Once there, the debris can pose dangers for aquatic plants & wildlife. Birds & fish can be poisoned by eating cigarette butts. Mineral oils & coolant from cars pollute the water, kill fish, frogs, wildlife & aquatic species.

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?

Non payment of invoices until milestones achieved; corrective action plan assessed per the terms of the agreement.

13. 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.

City of Belle Glade, the entity, owns the system.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. 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

18. What is the population economic status?

- ☒ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- ☒ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☒ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☐ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Not Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2022