



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1155

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

4. Project/Program Description

Manatee County requests that the state Department of Environmental Protection prioritize efforts to properly and safely dispose of water currently in the phosphogypsum stack at the former Piney Point phosphate processing plant. Manatee County supports sufficient state funding to complete the closure of the phosphogypsum stacks, allowing for treatment and surface discharge in accordance with Florida Statutes.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	6,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	12,000,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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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Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four groups: residents, business owners, nonprofits & local government agencies. Less than \$10 million is being used by the County to cover costs related to our response to the pandemic.

Manatee County Government for local response measures related to the pandemic.
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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	Feasibility study to determine environmentally sound method of closure, followed by competitive procurement and selection of contractor to complete dewatering and treatment.	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Piney Point phosphogypsum pond near Tampa Bay holds nearly 800 million gallons of process water remaining as a by-product of an abandoned phosphate chemical beneficiation and fertilizer plant. The property is managed by a holding company with insufficient assets to manage an accidental spill creating an overwhelming environmental impact if discharged into Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve. State funding will provide the resources to properly close the phosphogypsum stack.

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

Manatee County supports sufficient state funding to allow for treatment and surface discharge of ponded and interstitial stack water and complete closure of the phosphogypsum stacks in accordance with Florida Statutes. It is anticipated that a contractor will provide the required treatment technology and infrastructure to complete the water treatment phase, leading to complete closure.

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

State funding will address the treatment of process water and prevent harmful phosphorous, nitrogen and fluoride from reaching local water bodies and protection from catastrophic failure of stack containment and untreated discharge of phosphogypsum process water in excess of 800 million gallons from reaching state aquatic preserve surface waters.

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

An estimated 3 million Floridians live in Manatee, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties which surround Tampa Bay. Manatee County residents and by inference, all who depend upon lower Tampa Bay aquatic preserves for water dependant uses.



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

Treating the process water before it reaches nearby Tampa Bay will prevent harmful nutrients from adversely affecting water quality, food resources and habitats. Those nutrients would also decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive. This will be measured by obtaining complete closure of phosphogypsum waste stack involving dewatering of process water, reclamation of open pond capacity and capping of the stack to prevent further discharge and closure of stack.

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?

Performance bonds to assure treatment technology performance.

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.

Contractor is to be competitively selected by FDEP.



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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) State Agency

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