



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1442

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Liberty County is seeking funding to install drive-by meters in Hosford and make improvements to their Hosford Well #3 operations. The County only has 3 staff members in the water department to cover the entire County. Reading each meter is time consuming and prevents staff from being able to perform other necessary maintenance on the County's system. With this system, the County will be able to maintain the system more efficiently and help to quickly identify water leaks. The County was not able to read the meters for over 3 months following Hurricane Michael due to the debris covering the meters, costing the County almost \$100,000 in revenue.

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	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	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	350,000	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?**



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

Liberty County was allocated \$1,457,708 as part of the CARES Act for State and Local Governments. However, to date the County has only received \$655,969 in actual payments. Funds were used for PPE, sanitizing supplies, labor, equipment and other items that the County officials deemed necessary in response to the Public Health Emergency brought on by Covid-19.

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	Meters and computer system installation.	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?

It is anticipated that the installation of drive-by meters in this project will reduce staff time, providing a more economical benefit to the County. The meters will also help get a more accurate reading and quickly detect any water leaks.

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

The requested funds, if awarded, will be used for the installation of the new water meters for all current customers in the Hosford/Telogia area connected to the County's water system along with the installation of the computer program that is necessary for the water department to read the meters.

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

The citizens that are benefited from these improvements are expected to be able to have any water leaks and spikes in water usage detected much quicker because the program will be able to track the usages more efficiently than the practice currently used.

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

There is approximately 500 customers of the County's Hosford/Telogia water system that will be served by these improvements.

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

The County will benefit from the receipt of these funds by allowing the County to detect water leaks quickly, and reduce staff time for an economic benefit. The County can monitor employee timesheets to determine the efficiency of the upgraded operations.



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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?

The Auditor General conducts audits for both City and State agencies.

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.

Liberty County owns and operates the Hosford Water System, which is receiving the proposed improvements.



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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 started yet

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2022