



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1522

1. **Project Title** Fort Walton Beach - Regional Stormwater Facility in the Mar Walt Drive Area

2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer

3. **Date of Request** 02/01/2021

4. **Project/Program Description**

Planning and design of a regional stormwater management facility in the Mar Walt Drive area, which includes the City of Fort Walton Beach Golf Club, Liza Jackson Preparatory School, White Wilson Medical Center, Fort Walton Beach Medical Center & Meridian Long-Term Care Facility.

Creating a regional stormwater management facility in this area will accommodate the ongoing development of a new Liza Jackson Preparatory School and expansion of the White Wilson Medical Center and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. The properties in this area of Mar Walt Drive consistently flood during normal rain events. The City's Golf Club property provides the available land to accommodate a regional stormwater management facility to address the stormwater needs of the entire area.

This project is a public-private partnership between the City, Liza Jackson Preparatory School, White Wilson Medical Center and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	100,000
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

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)	100,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	150,000	100%

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

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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?

No

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

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	Planning and design costs to develop a regional stormwater management facility in the Mar Walt Drive area.	100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

The City of Fort Walton Beach recently permitted the development of a new Liza Jackson Preparatory School (K-8) on City-owned property in the Mar Walt Drive area. This area historically floods during every rain event and effects the operation of neighboring properties, which includes White Wilson Medical Center, Fort Walton Beach Medical Center and The Meridian Long-Term Care Facility. Through the permitting process, the City engaged the neighboring property owners to create a partnership to address the stormwater issue in this area through this project. The City's Golf Club property provides the land required to construct this stormwater facility, which frees up valuable property for the others to expand their operations.

The City, in partnership with the property owners and tenants in this area, are supportive of this project.

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

Funding will be used for the planning and design for a new stormwater management facility in the Mar Walt Drive area.

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

The citizens would benefit from a reduction in flooding and improved water quality into Choctawhatchee Bay from stormwater runoff.

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



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City of Fort Walton Beach property owners and tenants in the Mar Walt Drive area. This is approximately 500-1,000 individuals.

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

Improve stormwater management: The Mar Walt Drive area currently experiences flooding during normal rain events, and the City has taken proactive measures to reduce the frequency of these events. This will allow for the creation of a regional stormwater management facility to better control the stormwater runoff and increase the redevelopment potential of the area.

Improve surface water quality: Improve water quality in Choctawhatchee Bay.

Economic development: This project is a public-private partnership to allow for the construction of a new school and expansion of medical facilities in the area.

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?

Revocation or repayment of funding.

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.

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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; design phase completed in FY 2022-23

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2023