



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1593

1. Project Title Fort Walton Beach - Regional Stormwater Facilities in the Commerce & Technology Park

2. Senate Sponsor George Gainer

3. Date of Request 02/01/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Planning and design of regional stormwater management facilities in the City of Fort Walton Beach Commerce & Technology Park area as identified in the City of Fort Walton Beach's Commerce & Technology Park Master Plan (May 2019). Regional stormwater management facilities in this district will allow for further development and expansion of businesses within the Commerce & Technology Park, which is home to numerous defense contractors and manufacturing businesses such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, DRS, Beast Code, Hsu Innovation Institute, MAG Aerospace and others. The City has committed to investing in the rebranding and redevelopment of this district to attract more businesses and industries into Northwest Florida. The City's investment will occur in the infrastructure to include stormwater facilities, transportation improvements and utilities.

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.

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?

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 regional stormwater facilities in the Commerce & Technology Park 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 completed a Commerce & Technology Park (CTP) Master Plan in May 2019 to identify and prioritize projects within the CTP District to rebrand and redevelop the area, which is home to numerous defense contractors and manufacturing companies. Developing regional stormwater management facilities in the CTP will free up valuable property for redevelopment and expansion to accommodate growth and the attraction of new businesses to the CTP. The City, in partnership with the property owners and tenants of the CTP, 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 of new regional stormwater management facilities in the Commerce & Technology Park 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 Santa Rosa Sound from stormwater runoff.

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

City of Fort Walton Beach property owners and tenants in the Commerce & Technology Park 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?



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Improve stormwater management: The CTP 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 regional stormwater management facilities to better control the stormwater runoff and increase the redevelopment potential of the area.
Improve surface water quality: Improve water quality in Santa Rosa Sound.
Economic development: This project is a priority of the CTP Master Plan to rebrand and redevelop the area to attract new businesses and expand existing businesses.

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?

9/30/2023