



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1717

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For contractual engineering design services of stormwater utility infrastructure improvements within the Spot in the Sun community that includes required legal services to obtain the necessary easements from property owners. Tasks include preliminary engineering, surveying, permitting, the preparation of appraisals, attorney's fees, recording fees, court costs and/directives of the Court to grant stormwater utility easements on private property. Improvements prevent flooding, allows for safe transportation and ensures the continued health, safety & welfare for the citizenry. The acquisition of critical stormwater utility easements & final design will allow the project to be constructed in this Rural Area of Opportunity. Addresses the permitting agencies water quality/quantity requirements & improved flows.

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 | 750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 750,000 |

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) | 750,000 | 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 | 750,000 | 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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

Expenses incurred/to be incurred = \$7.8 million; funds used for hardening of County owned facilities/properties including social distancing equipment/products & supplies; sanitizing equipment/supplies, PPE, public program grants-relief for businesses, non profits, independent workforce for wages, bills and rent; technology hardware/equipment/software required for remote learning/working/teleconference meetings, etc.

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 | Contractual engineering design & legal utility stormwater easement services | 750,000 |
| 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 | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 750,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Goal is to resolve stormwater utility easement acquisitions & prepare final design that meets permitting agencies requirements in order to move forward with construction to alleviate flooding & reduce pollutants. Project will allow for reduction of flooding, stormwater conveyance & inlet improvements to reduce the nutrients & volume of runoff entering County ditches and public lands.

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

Contractual engineering design & legal stormwater utility easement services through the County's procurement and policies procedures. Design tasks include preliminary engineering, surveying, permitting with the Federal, State & County agencies. Legal stormwater utility easement services includes the preparation of appraisals, attorney's fees, recording fees, court costs and/directives of the Court to obtain stormwater utility easements on private property. The acquisition of critical stormwater utility easements & final design allows the project to be constructed.

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

Improved life, health & safety by reduced flooding, allows for safer transportation, improved flows of stormwater conveyance and reduction of nutrients entering County ditches and public lands.

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

Spot in the Sun residents & citizenry; Population to be served is 1,023. Project is located in a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes).

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



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be measured?

Expected benefit is stormwater utility easement acquisition & final design. Measure is a complete set of engineering drawings & appropriate Court required easement acquisition documentation & permits. Meets FDEP & SFWMD regulations addressing water quality/ quantity treatment of stormwater conveyance. Employment maintained from project.

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?

implementation of corrective action plan, non payment of invoices until milestones achieved

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.

Okeechobee County is the owner 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 Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2023