



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1594

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A pursuit more than two decades in the making, the conversion from private well/septic to public water/sewer within the American Beach Community, a disadvantaged and vulnerable historic African-American coastal community, is ready to commence construction. Over the last two years, Nassau County has worked diligently with community representatives, the FGUA, State agencies, and our legislative delegation to assist the community in providing reliable fire protection and a more sustainable source of drinking water and wastewater disposal while also reducing environmental risk of aging septic tanks. The project is fully designed, and construction is set to commence in Q2 of 2022. The \$10.6m project is being funded through a variety of sources. One of which is an assessment on the individual property owners in the community. This request is to fund \$1.85m, or 17%, of the total project cost. This will eliminate the principal loan balance and avoid assessing individual property owners.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,850,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,850,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,850,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,807,899	83%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	10,657,899	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	600,000	1607A	No

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?

Yes

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

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

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	Construction.	1,850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,850,000

12. Program Performance

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

It is the Board of County Commissioners desire to reduce the principal loan amount on which the annual assessment to provide public water and sewer will be based. The purpose is to reduce the financial burden on this small disadvantaged coastal community that is vulnerable to storm surge. Our request is that the State appropriate \$1.85 million in the form of a grant to pay in full the total principal loan amount being assessed to property owners. The elimination of the principal loan amount will reduce the assessment charged to the individual property owners within this disadvantaged and vulnerable historic African-American coastal community. Request a legislative appropriation to satisfy the remaining SRF principal loan balance. Total project cost is estimated at \$10,657,899. \$1,850,000 represents seventeen (17) percent of the total project cost.

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

Execute the physical construction of water and wastewater lines in Historic American Beach. The purpose of these funds is to facilitate the conversion from well and septic to public water and sewer to serve Historic American Beach, allowing the residents to abandon their existing septic tanks and wells and to eliminate sewage seepage into the soil and ground water and mitigate the future impact.

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

The purpose of these funds is to facilitate the conversion from well and septic to public water and sewer to serve Historic American Beach, allowing the residents to abandon their existing septic tanks and wells to eliminate sewage seepage into the soil and ground water and mitigate the future risk of red tide to the area.

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



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Earlier this year, an American Beach Water/Sewer District Citizens Advisory Board was created and a community election/"Straw Ballot" was held to assess the desire of the community to be assessed to construct the project. The independent tabulation of results were overwhelmingly in support of the project: a 64% response rate with 86% of valid votes supporting the assessment. The project is fully designed, funded, and construction is set to commence in Q2 of 2022. Approximately 317 individual properties will be served.

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

Construction to install water and sewer in this community will commence in Q2 of 2022 and be complete by Q3 of 2023. Completion of the water/sewer installation 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?

The wastewater & potable water lines would not receive clearances through FDEP. Possible forfeiture of future funding for the project.

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.

Nassau Amelia Utilities is the water sewer provided for the area adjacent to American Beach. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners have ownership of Nassau Amelia Utilities.



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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?

Commencement Q2 of 2022, fully permitted.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/31/2023