



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1651

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hardening of the electrical infrastructure through undergrounding facilities in the southwest section of Homestead will aid in attracting businesses to the area and would minimize future power outages to the existing homes and businesses. Underground facilities are less likely than overhead facilities to lose power following a lightning storm or a hurricane, as they are protected from the elements. The underground facilities will be upgraded to handle the forecasted increase in electrical demand that is anticipated as people continue to upgrade their homes and businesses and as new businesses come into the area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	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 2022-2023	3,500,000	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The city was awarded CDBG-CV funds for \$1,012,565 for housing and utility assistance, meals to COVID-19-affected individuals, and small business grants. Approx. \$2.1 million as sub-recipient of Miami-Dade County to reimburse the city for COVID-19-related operating expenditures. \$183,000 through DOJ to cover COVID-19-related police OT. Approx. \$2.5 million in PA funding from FEMA for reimbursement of COVID-19-related exp. and 2 vaccine claims. \$19,192,087 in ARPA funds which the council is to decide use at a later date.

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	Hardening of the electrical infrastructure through undergrounding facilities in the southwest section of Homestead will aid in attracting businesses to the area and would minimize future power outages to the existing homes and businesses. Underground facilities are less likely than overhead facilities to lose power following a lightning storm or a hurricane, as they are protected from the elements. The underground facilities will be upgraded to handle the forecasted increase in electrical demand	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

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



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Installing more robust underground electrical infrastructure will minimize power outages to residents during severe weather events. Underground facilities are less likely than the current overhead facilities to lose power following a lightning storm or a hurricane, as they are protected from the elements. Having facilities more likely to maintain power after a major weather event is an incentive for new businesses and also would improve the quality of life for the current residents. Following Hurricane Irma, many residents in the area were without power for several days waiting for downed electrical poles and power lines to be replaced and the infrastructure put back in place. Tying in with the theme of revitalizing the area, the undergrounding of electrical facilities is also much more aesthetically pleasing. Also, the underground facilities will be upgraded to handle the forecasted increase in electrical demand anticipated as people continue to upgrade their homes and businesses.

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

General (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group). Approximately 6,000 households. The residents of this area also include economically disadvantaged persons, elderly persons, and at-risk youth. Improving the resilience of the electrical infrastructure will benefit all of the citizens in the southwest area of the City of Homestead.

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

Minimizing power outages as well as the length of time it takes to restore power following a major weather event. The outcome will be measured by the number of hours or number of days (depending on severity of the event) for power to be restored to the area following a major weather event. Another measure of the outcome will be the miles of existing overhead electrical facilities removed and placed underground.

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 of funding if the project is not completed. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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