



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2241

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Bluefield Dispersed Water Management, LLC (BDWM) signed a contract to store water on 6,341 acres in the C-23 basin with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on December 27, 2018. The expected annual benefit was modeled by SFWMD to be 28,360 acre feet per year. Commencement of construction of the projects didn't begin until October 2020 and was completed two months early in August 2021. In less than three months of operations the project has exceeded 60% of its annual water storage goal.

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	1,100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,100,000

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)	1,100,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,100,000	50%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,200,000	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.

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	Additional Costs to engineer , model benefits and construct	1,100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,100,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funding request is for reimbursement of additional funds expended by BDWM between the contract signing and commencement of operations.

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

The expenses consist of 1) significant additional engineering and modeling costs mostly due to SFWMD making changes to the project and its expected benefits; 2) Additional expenses due to the continuing negotiation with Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) and the US Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) for a programmatic "safe harbor" to allow the landowner who enters into a long-term water storage project that will attract wetland type species to go back to agriculture. This agreement can be used by all landowners in the northern everglades watershed and was signed by both FWC and UFWS on October 16, 2020 which allowed construction to commence. ;3) additional construction expenses were necessary as bids for the project were over approximately three years old by the time construction began as well as unforeseen circumstances due to the extremely large size of the project and its very small construction budget of \$2,722,796.

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

Water storage for Floridians

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

All of Florida

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

This project is a long-term water storage project that will attract wetland type species to go back to agriculture.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

None

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.

No.



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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)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Complete

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/1/2022