



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2972

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

FY 2022-23 funding was received to assist with costs to replace water lines and rehabilitate sewer lines within the Azalea and Caswell neighborhoods. Construction plans have since been completed and the project is shovel ready; however, costs have escalated considerably over the past two years. The requested funds will be used help fund related site-work costs that are ineligible for SRF loan funding, including sidewalks, stormwater pipe, curbs, gutters, and street resurfacing.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	14%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	13%
Local	5,493,600	73%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,493,600	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,000,000	1665A	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.

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.



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The city received CARES Act (\$773,699) and ARPA (\$2,220,785) funding. CARES funding was used to support fire rescue and law enforcement services (\$773,699). ARPA funding replaced lost revenue, which permitted the city to move forward with the rehabilitation of Well #1 (\$1,593,869) and Mary Esther Stormwater Drainage Improvements (\$626,916).

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

12. List 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.

The City of Mary Esther will receive the fixed capital outlay funding and secure a contractor through a competitive bid process to complete the project.

13. 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	FY 2022-23 appropriation and SRF loans to fund new water lines and sewer line rehabilitation. Proposed FY 2024-25 appropriation and city cash on-hand to fund site-work costs that are ineligible for SRF loan funding, including sidewalks (11,500 LF), stormwater pipe (200 LF cleaned, 30 LF new, 2 inlets), curb and gutter (13,200 LF) and street resurfacing (23,100 SY).	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. 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?

State funds will only be used for construction.

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

No direct services provided by the project.

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

The target population are the 135 homes within the project area.

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

The Azalea Neighborhood does not have sidewalks. Proposed sidewalks will connect the neighborhoods to existing sidewalks along Hollywood Boulevard and Highway 98, which are used for access to Mary Esther Elementary and Fort Walton Beach High School. Neighborhood streets will be repaved to improve driving surface. Existing stormwater pipe will be cleaned and new stormwater piping installed to reduce street flooding and improve stormwater quality.

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 construction contract will include a provision for liquidated damages for construction delays. Early completion bonuses will also be considered for inclusion in the construction contract.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number