



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3016

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Design, permitting, construction & engineering inspection (CEI) services for a comprehensive upgrade of the existing City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) facilities including the provision of enhanced treatment processes & increased treatment capacity to serve the entire city limits, areas currently served outside the city limits & to accommodate expanded service to areas west of the city along the U.S. 27 highway corridor up to and including the Airglades International Airport (AIA) property. The project will improve the treatment processes sufficient to meet all state environmental permitting requirements including Rule 62-200.405(8) regarding flow limits & benefit the areas environment by producing reuse quality effluent for irrigation purposes while redirecting waste loads from the airport to the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted WWTP treatment facility allowing elimination of the existing smaller airport wastewater treatment facility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	11,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	11,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	11,000,000	79%
Matching Funds		
Federal	3,000,000	21%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	14,000,000	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.



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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.

The City did not receive any direct funding. The City received funding indirectly from Hendry County for eligible expenses to fund public safety salaries in the amount of \$890,000.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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 Clewiston will continue to own, operate and be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance of the capital improvements constructed with the requested funding.

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	Comprehensive upgrade & modernization is planned for the existing NPDES state permitted WWTP facilities to provide for tertiary level treatment processes producing reuse quality effluent suitable for irrigation purposes while increasing capacity to provide for additional flows to accommodate new development & allow for septic to sewer conversions. Improvements will include ensuring adequate standby power generation capabilities, WWTP process and pumping upgrades, wastewater treatment & capacity	11,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		11,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

To comprehensively modernize the existing NPDES permitted City WWTP facilities to provide for enhanced treatment processes to satisfy DEP permit requirements; increase treatment capacity to provide for septic to sewer conversions & economic development opportunities for underdeveloped properties west of the city along the U.S. 27 highway corridor including the AIA site; allow for environmental enhancements including producing reuse quality effluent suitable for irrigation purposes which reduces groundwater demand; and, also decommissioning the existing airport wastewater treatment facility.

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

For significant economic development to occur in the Clewiston and eastern Hendry County area and for regulatory compliance and environmental balance to be achieved while providing for expanded capacity to meet wastewater treatment service demands, the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) must be upgraded as proposed by this project.

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

The proposed modernization & expansion project of the NPDES permitted City WWTP will improve overall public health, safety & welfare of the community at large. Environmental conditions in the areas served, which are in close proximity to Lake Okeechobee, will be improved while expanding public wastewater disposal services to more citizens thus accommodating reasonable growth & economic development potential to enhance the local economy & overall quality of life of the region. Requested funding will provide for the much needed improvements in a manner that will allow customer rates to remain affordable in a fiscally constrained community with among Florida's highest unemployment rates & lowest wage rates.

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

The modernization of the existing circa 1985 constructed WWTP with the requested additional capacity will benefit the entire population of the city limits & areas served outside the City currently including the Harlem community & several mobile home park properties in close proximity to the City totaling approximately 15,000. The proposed treatment capacity expansion which will provide for economic development opportunities along the U.S. 27 highway corridor including the AIA project site will indirectly benefit all of Hendry County's 40,000 population, as well as, portions of adjoining counties including Glades.

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

The WWTP project will satisfy all DEP permit requirements. Additional treatment capacity allows the connection of private septic systems to public wastewater treatment including the undersized existing airport treatment plant to be eliminated. Increased capacity will provide for economic development of the AIA project & areas west of the city limits along the U.S. 27 highway corridor. These improvements & outcomes add to the overall quality of life, as well as, public health, safety & welfare of the region. Lower unemployment rates, higher prevailing wage rates & increased public sector revenues resulting from enhanced property values associated with new private sector investment are positive outcomes which can be measured.

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?

As these are public investments in infrastructure and provided that the City uses the funds appropriately under state agency oversight, no penalties should be incurred by the responsible local government agency.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number (863)983-1484

Ext. 102

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Clewiston

b. Municipality and County Hendry

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 Randy

Last Name Martin

e. E-mail Address randy.martin@clewiston-fl.gov

f. Phone Number (863)983-1484

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name Screven H. Watson

b. Firm Name Screven Watson & Associates, LLC

c. E-mail Address lobbyreportfla@icloud.com

d. Phone Number (850)566-3905

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Waste Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☒ Other (please specify) CDBG & State grant assistance, but denied
- ☐ N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- ☒ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)



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- ☒ 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

20. What is the status of construction?

Partially designed. Permitting will precede construction once fully funded.

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026