



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1154

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Stuart completed its septic to sewer infrastructure project in 2020, which provided the primarily lines of connection for sanitary sewer service throughout the entirety of the city's utility service area. However, there are currently more than 700 properties within the City which have not converted to the new sewer system. A substantial amount of these residences are believed to not have yet converted due to financial burden or hardship. Each connection will include the tasking of city utility workers installing lateral connections between main sewer lines and private homes with grinder systems. Appropriated funds would be joined with local funding for direct connection assistance for property owners as incentive to abandon septic tanks for sewer systems. The City's local match for the requested state funds would likely well-exceed 50% of total costs per connection, and the City is committed towards achieving a 100% connection goal in the near future.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

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	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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?

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

The City of Stuart (to date) received \$8,132,360 from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. Funds have been used to offset dollars spent on emergency response and overtime for personnel, Alternative Water Supply infrastructure, water/sewer infrastructure, law enforcement response to violent crimes and gun violence, community nonprofit support, dispatch and police officer equipment, streetscape improvements, and stormwater projects.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Private property owners who are currently own septic systems and would be directly connected to the public sanitary sewer system through this program. An estimated 700+ private homes and families would have the opportunity to benefit from this one-time incentive.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	State appropriation of \$1,000,000 would be aggregated with local funding as direct connection assistance for property owners in order to lower or eliminate the financial burden cost for abandoning septic tanks for sanitary sewer systems. The City utility already has infrastructure and personnel in place to complete work associated with connections as additional contribution towards local match.	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?

The City of Stuart completed its septic to sewer infrastructure project in 2020. However, there are currently more than 700 properties within the City which have not converted to the new sewer system. A substantial amount of these residences are believed to not have yet converted due to financial burden or hardship. Appropriated funds would be joined with local funding for direct connection assistance for property owners as incentive to abandon septic tanks for sewer systems over a 3-year period.

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

The project will design and construct plumbing connections from public sewer infrastructure to individual properties. Once a property is connected to the sanitary sewer system, the septic tank will be properly abandoned.

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

Property owners will be provided the service of plumbing connections and septic tank abandonment, including the required permitting and notifications.

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

More than 700 private residences (families) that are currently not connected to sanitary sewer and would be provided the financial relief requisite for their connecting. These account for the last remaining properties in Stuart to not be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

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

This project proposal represents the City's last effort to finalize ALL sewer connections within its jurisdiction and utility service area. The City of Stuart already has both personnel and resources in place to immediately begin installation of sewer connections for those homeowners who have yet to commit. The financial incentives offered would be a one-time opportunity for holdouts to agree to switch from septic to sewer with both local and state assistance.

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?

Penalty for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures would be withholding of funding until grant administration is reconciled with state identified targets. The City has a long and successful history collaborating and cooperating with FDEP on various grant-awarded projects and programs.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

Ready - full construction personnel and resources committed

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027