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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Lakeland Se7en Wetlands Wastewater Treatment Facility

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/12/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Se7en Wetlands is a project allowing the City of Lakeland a public access and outreach opportunity to promote their 1640-acre treatment wetland for the beneficial re-use of treated wastewater effluent, the beneficial re-use of reclaimed phosphate-mined land, and the use of treatment wetlands as wildlife habitat. Additionally, the water conservation message proposed includes the reduced reliance on both surface water and groundwater for Power Plant cooling and the regional efforts of both the Central Florida Water Initiative and the Polk Regional Water Cooperative toward conservation and alternative water sources. This phase will allow the opening of the 3rd of 7 individual and unique Wetlands within the Se7en Wetlands property.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Environmental Protection

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	1,000,000	1,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	179,000	15.2%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	179,000	15.2 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,179,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 2



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- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	Column:	A	B
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

Total Funds Appropriated
(Column A + Column B)

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Expanding the publicly accessible portions of the property.

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

An additional 5.4 miles of trails with signage, a floating boardwalk, and 3 additional shade/picnic pavilions.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		



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Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of Park features and development of water conservation educational programs	1,000,000
TOTAL		1,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Citizens will observe and explore beneficially reclaimed phosphate land utilized as a treatment wetland resulting in the industrial re-use of treated wastewater, thereby reducing the reliance upon surface and ground water. Furthermore, regional water conservation efforts will be highlighted.

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

The initial target population is Polk County and the immediate surrounding counties, ultimately expanding to the Central Florida Region.

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

Greater awareness of water conservation needs and methods and the expanding need and use of alternative water sources. This will be measured by citizen visits and outreach contact hours.

g. 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 in the contract?

Non reimbursement if the contracting agency does not fulfill the intent of the agreement.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The City of Lakeland owns and operates the facility and will be the recipient of the funding.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Anthony Delgado
- b. **Organization:** City of Lakeland
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- d. **Phone Number:** (863)834-6248



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. **Organization:** City of Lakeland

b. **County:** Polk

c. **Organization Type:**

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

d. **Contact Name:** Pam Page

e. **E-mail Address:** pam.page@lakelandgov.net

f. **Phone Number:** (863)934-6088

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. **Name:** Dave Shepp

b. **Firm:** Southern Strategy

c. **Email:** shepp@sostrategy.com

d. **Phone Number:** (863)581-4250

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (Please describe)
- ☒ N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- ☒ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☐ N/A

18. What is the status of construction?



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Master Plan design complete and Phase I & II currently under construction.

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

10% of the master plan is currently under construction, with estimated completion date of January, 2018.

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

For this specific funding request, 0% of construction is complete with an estimated completion date of May, 2019.