



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Lee County Artesian Well Abandonment Project

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/16/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Lee County Artesian Well Abandonment Project is intended to assist well owners in complying with Florida law that requires well owners to control discharges from free-flowing artesian wells by properly controlling the flow. Uncontrolled, improperly constructed, deteriorated or abandoned artesian (free-flowing) wells can have an adverse impact on the quantity and quality of water in aquifers (the groundwater source) and other water bodies in Southwest Florida. Groundwater is used for many purposes such as public supply, business, agriculture, and landscaping, and incorrectly constructed free-flowing wells compromise the use of these key resources. The project consists of permanent well abandonment (plugging from bottom to top of the well with cement grout) activities which will be performed by a state licensed water well contractor.

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
	80,000	80,000

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	20,000	20.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	20,000	20.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 100,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- 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	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

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

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Protect existing groundwater supplies from potential contamination from free-flowing wells.

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

Properly abandoning free-flowing wells helps prevent adverse impacts to water resources. Deterioration of the well casing occurs as a well ages, which can allow poor quality water to move upward into fresher zones used for drinking water supplies. Old free-flowing wells that were drilled into a deeper portion of the aquifer in certain locations may be susceptible to an increase in salinity. Proper plugging of these wells helps to prevent contamination of water supply. Free-flowing wells can potentially waste many millions of gallons of water per day, cause the water quality in the surface waters and other potable aquifers to decline, act as a conduit for sources of contaminants to enter the aquifer, and often contribute to mosquito problems.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants/Contracted Services/Study for the project.	80,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		80,000

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

Proper abandonment of free-flowing artesian wells.

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

General citizenry of, and visitors to Lee County.

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

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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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.



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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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. Name: Roland Ottolini
- b. Organization: Lee County Division of Natural Resources
- c. Email: rottolini@leegov.com
- d. Phone Number: (239)533-8109

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization: Lee County Division of Natural Resources
- b. County: Lee
- c. Organization Type:
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Local Government (County)
- d. Contact Name: Roland Ottolini
- e. E-mail Address: rottolini@leegov.com
- f. Phone Number: (239)533-8109

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

- a. Name: Sarah Bleakley
- b. Firm: Nabors Giblin & Nickerson
- c. Email: Sbleakley@nglaw.com
- d. Phone Number: (850)224-4070

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?



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- 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?

N/A

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

N/A

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2019