



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1281

1. Title of Project: Okeechobee Taylor Creek SW 4th St. Stormwater Conveyance

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The City of Okeechobee seeks matching funds to construct a water quality & baffle box drainage outfall on SW 4th Ave. to replace a direct drainage connection to Taylor Creek that is directly upstream of Lake Okeechobee. This connection does not currently have any water quality treatment & is not environmentally friendly. The area which drains to this is all urban & includes parts of the City's downtown. The construction of this outfall would allow for water treatment of drainage & surface water & includes the safety & protection of wildlife (i.e. manatees). The project includes updating drainage along a residential roadway, inlets, curbing, roadway & piping. Increasing water quality in this area will be a direct improvement over the existing conditions & would achieve observable results. Hurricane Irma created additional erosion & more turbidity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	90.06%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	33,100	9.94%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	333,100	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual Construction Services	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Goal is to reduce flooding, pollutants & debris entering State protected waters, protection of the environment, wildlife, life, health and safety of residents, visitors and businesses and address water quality and requirements of the permitting agencies.

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

Contractual construction services to construct the outfall project as designed that includes upgrading drainage along residential roadway, inlets, curbing, roadway, piping, baffle box, manatee grate, etc.

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

Services include improved life, health, safety by reduction of flooding, improved water quality, treatment of drainage and surface water, protection of the environment, wildlife and State waters.

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

Residents, visitors, general public and businesses

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

Benefit is reduction of flooding and pollution entering State' endangered water resources, provides life, health, safety issues and protection Florida wildlife and their habitats, safe transportation; meets permitting agencies water quality regulations.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

non payment of invoices

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.

City of Okeechobee are the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Marcos Montes De Oca
- b. **Organization:** City of Okeechobee
- c. **E-mail Address:** mmontesdeoca@cityofokeechobee.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (863)763-3372

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Okeechobee
- b. **County:** Okeechobee
- 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:** Marcos Montes De Oca
- e. **E-mail Address:** mmontesdeoca@cityofokeechobee.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (863)763-3372

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Connie Vanassche
- b. **Firm Name:** CAS Governmental Services, LLC
- c. **E-mail Address:** ccvgovser@gmail.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (561)512-0089

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant



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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? Not Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2021