



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1303

1. Title of Project: Okeechobee Utility Authority Okee-Tantie Wastewater Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

To design & construct a safe reliable treatment & disposal system at Okee-Tantie campgrounds/RV park on Lake Okeechobee & Kissimmee River for potential economic development project of a community resort/marina property. The wastewater infrastructure improvements may serve 500 RV sites, bath & laundry facilities, clubhouse, restaurant, retail space, marina, bait & tackle shop providing additional capacity. Provides increased service, reliability & provides for centralized sewer treatment reducing pollutants entering State Waters due to the improved water quality resulting from centralized sewer treatment. The project augments U.S. EPA water quality rules & restoration plans of FDEP & SFWMD to assist in providing effort towards clean-up of the Northern Everglades Ecosystem, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & the entire Everglades Ecosystem.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	23.60%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	8,092,404	76.40%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	10,592,404	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 Services for Engineering and Construction	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To design & construct new infrastructure on County owned waterfront campground/RV facility providing economic development opportunity for a community resort/marina venue to develop, creating job opportunities, increase tourism & State/local revenues; protection of State endangered water resources with centralized sewer treatment versus current old/failing package plant/infrastructure leaching into the Kissimmee River & Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin where this facility is located.

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

Design, permitting, bidding, project management & construction of a new sanitary forcemain/wastewater treatment plant through the OUA procurement policy.

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

n/a

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

The State through the protection of State waters in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas, visitors, and residents in Okeechobee County.

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

Expected results & benefits associated from the requested funds include protection of life, public health, the environment, increased service, reliability, protection of State endangered waters (Lake Okeechobee & Kissimmee River) due to improved water quality resulting from the removal/replacement of the existing



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old/failing wastewater package plant/infrastructure & constructing new wastewater infrastructure/sanitary forcemain to treat effluent in centralized system. This project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity.

- 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 in the contract?**

non payment of invoices; corrective action plan

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.**

Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity, owner and requestor.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Okeechobee Utility Authority
- c. **E-mail Address:** khamblen@ouafl.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (863)763-9460

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Okeechobee Utility Authority
- 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) Special District
- d. **Contact Name:** John Hayford
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

Wastewater Revolving Loan



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- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe): USDA
- 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? 12/31/2022