



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1361

1. Title of Project: Sarasota and Lemon Bay Watershed Restoration Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Joe Gruters

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The work to be conducted in these watersheds will have a positive effect on the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nutrients, fecal coliform, and other pollutants of concern in 24 impaired waterbodies in Sarasota County. The project will replace failing septic systems within the Sarasota and Lemon Bay Watersheds with central sewers, improve wastewater disposal/treatment, and will reduce high concentrations of fecal coliform, human intestinal viruses, and excessive nutrients that enter surface waters via groundwater flow from failing septic systems, feeding the Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs) affecting Florida's coastline. The likelihood of public and environmental exposure to these pathogens and nutrients following storm events will be reduced. The project area encompasses the unincorporated areas of Sarasota County that are currently unserved by central sewers and expands beyond previous program boundaries.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	50.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	5,000,000	50.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	10,000,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
>5 years		1,500,000		No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 5000000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Replace failing septic systems with central sewers	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

11. Program Performance:

- a. **What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**
Improve water quality in Sarasota and Lemon Bays by reducing runoff from leaking septic systems.
- b. **What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**
Replace failing septic systems with central sewers to improve wastewater disposal and treatment.
- c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**
none
- d. **Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**
All citizens of Sarasota County.
- e. **What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**
Improved water quality in Sarasota and Lemon Bays - to be measured by surface water quality monitoring.
- 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?**
Funds for items failing to meet deliverable or performance measures could be withheld.

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.



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The owners of the facility and the entity applying for the funds are one and the same.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Scott Schroyer
- b. **Organization:** Sarasota County Public Utilities
- c. **E-mail Address:** sschroyer@scgov.net
- d. **Phone Number:** (941)861-0661

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Sarasota County Public Utilities
- b. **County:** Sarasota
- 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:** David Cash
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- f. **Phone Number:** (941)861-0550

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Rob Lewis
- b. **Firm Name:** Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners
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- d. **Phone Number:** (941)444-9532

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
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (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? Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 25%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 05/31/2022