



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1582

1. Title of Project: Fort Walton Beach Freedom Beacon Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

2. Senate Sponsor: George Gainer

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Provide design, engineering, permitting and construction of wastewater infrastructure to accommodate the new Freedom Beacon Park located in Fort Walton Beach. The proposed project is situated on 50 acres located on U.S. Government land. This is a public-private partnership and will provide the necessary utility services to a mixed use development consisting of apartments, a hotel, and office & retail space.

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	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	50.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	300,000	50.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	600,000	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

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



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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	Requested funds will be used to design, permit, and construct the necessary wastewater and water improvements in order to serve the proposed park.	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?

Main goal is to provide an economic development engine by providing water and sewer infrastructure to 50 acre Freedom Beacon Park in Fort Walton Beach, FL. The proposed money is to be used for a lift station serving the proposed development leased from U.S. Government.

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

Design, engineering, permitting, and construction to provide a new wastewater lift station to serve the proposed 50 acre development.

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

Utility services will be provided to a new 50-acre mixed use development that includes 250 apartment units and a 100+ room hotel, which will accommodate housing and lodging for the local military bases.

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

Target populations include mixed use: residential, commercial, and hotel. 1,000 individuals are expected to be served in total amongst all target populations.

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

Increase or improve economic activity - Provide necessary wastewater capacity to allow all phases to service the proposed 50 acre US Government Freedom Beacon Park development and complete necessary infrastructure improvements and have in place to accommodate the development. Create specific immediate job opportunities - The proposed improvements will service a mixed use development consisting of a mix of professional office, retail, and restaurant, complete necessary infrastructure improvements and have in place to accommodate the development. Provide an effective wastewater disposal process by providing an up to date lift station with back-up capability in case of emergency situations, design the proposed lift station to meet and exceed current FDEP wastewater guidelines.



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- 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?**

Potential loss of proposed matching funding.

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 Fort Walton Beach is both the owner of the facility and the entity.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Michael Beedie
- b. **Organization:** City of Fort Walton Beach
- c. **E-mail Address:** mbeedie@fwb.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)833-9612

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Fort Walton Beach
- b. **County:** Okaloosa
- 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:** Michael Beedie
- e. **E-mail Address:** mbeedie@fwb.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)833-9612

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**

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? Construction has not yet begun, the development and infrastructure is still in the design phases.

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

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? September 30, 2020