



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1587

1. Title of Project: Polk Regional Water Cooperative Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability

2. Senate Sponsor: Kelli Stargel

3. Date of Submission: 02/13/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Polk Regional Water Cooperative (Cooperative) is a regional water supply authority created through inter-local agreement between Polk County and 15 municipal governments. Consistent with the provision of the Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability Act, the Cooperative has identified 14 drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and flood control, and environmental restoration and conservation projects submitted by its member governments. The Cooperative members are meeting state and local initiatives to work collaboratively and improve the water quality and quantity of the Central Florida area collectively. This request is for the 14 projects submitted by the Cooperative.

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	8,370,375
Total State Funds Requested	8,370,375

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)	8,370,375	22.32%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	27,150,375	72.41%
Other	1,974,875	5.27%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	37,495,625	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 8370375



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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		
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	The requested funds for the proposed projects are for the implementation of water resource projects to improve water quality and quantity available for economic growth and the environment.	8,370,375
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,370,375

11. Program Performance:

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

Consistent with the provision of the Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability Act, the Polk Regional Water Cooperative has identified 14 drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and flood control, environmental restoration, and conservation projects submitted by its member governments. By implementing these projects, the Cooperative members are meeting state and local initiatives to work collaboratively and improve the water quality and quantity of the Central Florida area collectively.

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

The requested funds for the proposed projects are for the feasibility studies and implementation of water resource projects to improve water quality and quantity available for economic growth and the environment.

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

Alternative sources of potable water supplies will be provided, as will enhancement of treatment and efficiency at regional wastewater facilities, along with restoration of the natural hydrology of portions of the Peace Creek basin and therefore improve stormwater management and storage.

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

All citizens of Polk County stand to benefit from the water supplies and ecological restorations taking place with these projects.

e. 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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A number of measurable benefits will be achieved. Improved treatment reliability and reclaimed water quality will be produced and can be measured through pre- and post-water quality calculations; increased water storage capacity through reservoirs or recharge wells will be made available and will be quantified through engineering plans and modeling; for wetland rehabilitation projects, specific levels of nutrient removal can be estimated from the volume of water to move through the wetland system, and through estimates of typical wetland treatment capacities; a finally, specific volumes of alternative water supply to be produced are quantified through the engineering, modeling, and permitting processes.

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?

The current contractors stand to lose out on future work through poor performance on this contract.

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.

All facility owners for the 14 projects are Cooperative members.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Ryan Taylor
- b. **Organization:** Polk Regional Water Cooperative
- c. **E-mail Address:** RyanTaylor@PRWCwater.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (863)534-6475

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Polk Regional Water Cooperative
- b. **County:** Polk
- 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:** Ryan Taylor
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Frank Bernardino
- b. **Firm Name:** Anfield Consulting



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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)
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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 started.

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2040