



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1594

1. Title of Project: Freeport U.S. 331 Sewer Utility Upgrade and Expansion

2. Senate Sponsor: George Gainer

3. Date of Submission: 02/07/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The project will provide wastewater facilities along U.S. 331 from the bay to State Road 20. The improvements will allow the City to meet the demand for development along U.S. 331 and provide sewer conveyance capacity for properties with septic systems along the Choctawhatchee Bay.

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	7,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,250,000

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)	7,250,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	7,250,000	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		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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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	Design and construction of approximately 12.5 miles of wastewater improvements along an approximately 6 mile stretch of U.S. 331 from the Choctawhatchee Bay to State Road 20.	7,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of this project is to provide a wastewater conveyance system to meet the current and future development needs along U.S. 331 and provide conveyance capacity for properties along the Choctawhatchee Bay to convert from septic systems to the sewer system.

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

Design and construction of approximately 12.5 miles of wastewater forcemain, appurtenances, and 3 wastewater lift stations.

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

Wastewater conveyance capacity for development along U.S. 331 from the Choctawhatchee Bay to State Road 20 and for properties with septic systems along the Choctawhatchee Bay.

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

All citizens in the City of Freeport as well as visitors; greater than 4,500 people.

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

Increased and improved economic activity, tourism and water quality. Economic activity and tourism would be measured by new commercial and residential development and industry being created due to additional capacity beyond existing. Economic activity success would be measured by population growth, commercial and industrial growth and increased. Improved water quality would be measured through water testing along the Choctawhatchee Bay before and after septic systems are abandoned. After design and permitting activities are completed, immediate job creation would be provided by the construction of this project. The construction project would provide immediate job opportunities for the entire area due to the project requiring utility crews, and various types of construction crews to complete the project.

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?



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The City will award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents will spell out liquidated damage costs for project overruns. The bid documents will also require the selected contractor to provide performance and payment bonds to the City and a 10% retainer will be withheld until all issues are corrected.

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 Freeport; the owner and entity.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Russ Barley
- b. **Organization:** Mayor, City of Freeport
- c. **E-mail Address:** rbarley@freeportflorida.gov
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)835-2822

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Freeport
- b. **County:** Walton
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Local Government
- d. **Contact Name:** Alex Rouchaleau
- e. **E-mail Address:** arouchaleau@dewberry.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)571-1255

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? Not ready

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

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/01/2021