



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1708

1. **Title of Project:** Fort Myers Septic Tank Abandonment Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/19/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

\$2.5M for Septic Tank Abandonment Program. The City currently has 94 active permits for residential and commercial septic tanks and request funding to evaluate the areas for improvement to connect properties to sewer and abandon the septic tanks which will reduce seepage into the City's surface and Stormwater system.

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	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

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	74.63%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	850,000	25.37%
Other		0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>3,350,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Evaluation, design, and construction of wastewater system in impacted areas	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

- a. **What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**  
Reduces possible seepage of waste into the upper aquifer and improving the water quality into the streams, canals, and surface waters.
- b. **What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**  
Abandonment of existing septic systems and connection to the City's wastewater system.
- c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**  
Connection to the City's wastewater system.
- d. **Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**  
Individual property owners currently on septic tank systems.
- e. **What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**  
Reduction in the number of active septic tank permits and reduction in possible wastewater seepage sources.
- 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?**  
None

**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 Myers Utility Fund.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Saeed Kazemi, P.E., City Manager
- b. **Organization:** City of Fort Myers
- c. **E-mail Address:** skazemi@cityftmyers.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (239)321-7024



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#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Fort Myers
- b. **County:** Lee
- 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:** Richard Moulton, MBA
- e. **E-mail Address:** rmoulton@cityftmyers.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (239)321-7216

#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Robert Stuart, Jr.
- b. **Firm Name:** Gray-Robinson
- c. **E-mail Address:** robert.stuart@gray-robinson.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (321)217-6207

#### 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? Planning phase.



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

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/31/2022