



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2059

1. Title of Project: Pinellas County Lofty Pines Septic to Sewer

2. Senate Sponsor: Ed Hooper

3. Date of Submission: 02/25/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Lofty Pines is within unincorporated Pinellas County and borders the City of Dunedin. The community is part of Group 2, Census Tract 269.10 and is categorized as low/moderate income. Currently all 120 homes are on septic and there is no formal stormwater management system within the neighborhood. The age and condition of the septic are problematic and sewage discharges are contributing to public health concerns and bacteria violations in Jerry Branch which is part of the Curlew Creek Watershed. The proposed project includes the construction of a sewer collection system which will tie into the City of Dunedin's wastewater service area, closure of the septic tanks, and reuse expansion and stormwater retrofits to improve both flood control and water quality treatment prior to discharging into waters of the state.

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	2,450,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,450,000

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)	2,450,000	50.3%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	850,000	17.5%
Local	850,000	17.5%
Other	720,000	14.8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	4,870,000	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



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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 will be utilized to construct the sanitary sewer and associated components of the project.	2,450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,450,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The overarching goals of the project are to remove failing septic tanks which are contributing to excess nutrients and bacteria in local surface waters and groundwater as well as to protect public health.

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

The area will be retrofitted with a formal sanitary sewer system that will serve all property owners. Additional services include stormwater management, reuse for irrigation and corresponding conservation of potable water, septic tank closure, and lateral connections.

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

Sanitary sewer service, stormwater, and reuse.

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

Lofty Pines is within unincorporated Pinellas County and borders the City of Dunedin. The community is part of Group 2, Census Tract 269.10 and is categorized as low/moderate income. 120 homes will be provided with services. Based on the 2013-2017 population data of 2.29 persons per home, the project would benefit approximately 275 individuals.

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

Documented closure of all septic tanks, documented lateral connections to all structures, and documented water quality based on a comparison of pre-project versus post-project monitoring data.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Standard penalties are adequate.

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.

Pinellas County is the current owner of the public infrastructure and right-of-way, upon completion of the project, the ownership of the infrastructure and right-of-way would be transferred to the City of Dunedin.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Pinellas County Government
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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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



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Other (Please describe): Will apply for SWFWMD cooperative funding

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? Design phase of project

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

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 6/30/2022