



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2145

1. **Title of Project:** Ocala - Septic Tank Abatement

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The purpose of this funding request is to continue to take septic tanks off-line and connect customers to the City of Ocala's sanitary sewer system. This funding would take 200 septic tanks off-line, reducing total Nitrogen in groundwater by an estimated 2,868 lbs annually. This funding would assist in covering: septic tank abandonment, lateral to sewer main, impact fees, and yard restoration.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	50.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,000,000	50.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,000,000	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?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1,000,000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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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	This funding will cover: septic tank abandonment, installation and connection of the lateral to sewer main, impact fees, and any needed yard restoration.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The primary objective of the project is to design and construct a sanitary sewer system which will remove from service approximately 200 septic tanks. This will reduce nutrient loading in the Silver Springs Basin. Silver Springs is an impaired water body due to nutrient pollution.

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

The work covers the cost of connection, septic tank abandonment, lawn restoration and impact fees associated with the connection. Residents would be able to connect to the sanitary sewer at no cost. By taking septic tanks off-line and connecting residents to the sanitary sewer this would improve the water quality of impaired water bodies such as the Silver Springs spring shed.

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

The resident would receive, free of charge to them, cost of connection, septic tank abandonment, lawn restoration, and impact fees associated with the connection.

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

Residents within City of Ocala limits, that currently have a septic tank and have availability to city sewer. There is currently a database of interested residents.

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

The estimated domestic wastewater is based on the Bureau of Onsite Sewage Programs estimates. This total estimated reduction is based on data that the loadings in pounds of nitrogen per OSTDS in the Silver Springs Springshed is approximately 9.92 lb-N/person, and the household average in Marion County is 2.41 persons.



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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?**

N/A

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.**

City of Ocala

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Sean Lanier
- b. **Organization:** City of Ocala
- c. **E-mail Address:** SLanier@ocalafl.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (351)352-6772

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Ocala - Water Resources
- b. **County:** Marion
- 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:** Rusella Bowes-Johnson
- e. **E-mail Address:** RJohnson@ocalafl.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (352)351-6772

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** Stephen Shiver
- b. **Firm Name:** The Advocacy Group at Cardenas Partners
- c. **E-mail Address:** ss@cardenaspartners.com; sjb@cardenaspartners.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)222-8900

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): Appropriation Project Request

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? 10/1/2021