



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2485

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The septic-to-sewer project will raise socio-economic status of West Augustine, improve groundwater and well quality, and increase storm resiliency by constructing a sanitary sewer system. The project will connect existing homes and eliminate septic tanks that contribute to deterioration of groundwater quality and "float" during storm events, causing significant environmental and health hazards in the surrounding area. The project will make new workforce housing viable on available parcels by providing sewer availability.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	300,000	LPA0338	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Utility Fund Reserves

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The City has applied for and is receiving federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and FEMA Public Assistance (PA). APRA funding is awarded in the Revenue Replacement, Expenditure Category for \$7,720,659, the City is using these funds in the provision of government services. FEMA-PA awarded \$23,383 for reimbursement of supplies and commodities to protect the City through the crisis.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Summer 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Summer 2026

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Owner is the entity seeking funding - City of St. Augustine

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Hire a professional civil engineering firm to design and permit the construction plans.	140,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs for a sanitary sewer collection system of approximately 10,993 LF of 8 inch PVC pipe, service laterals and plumbing connections to be installed which will eliminate 136 residential septic tanks and provide up to 51 new connections to gravity sanitary sewer. Within the project area there are 9 St. Johns County parcels that are being evaluated for affordable housing that sewer will be made available to.	4,860,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance



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

Centralized public sewer system, utility services, elimination of septic systems.

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

Centralized public sewer system, utility services, elimination of septic systems, connection to municipal sewer, removal of septic tanks and drainfield mounds.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Centralized public sewer system, utility services, elimination of septic systems, connection to municipal sewer, removal of septic tanks and drainfield mounds.

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

All citizens/residents within the project area will be served. Approximately 408 people are expected to be served. All citizens in the entire surrounding area will benefit from the elimination of environmental and health hazards.

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

Improve Physical Health. Enhance/ preserve/ improve environmental and fish/ wildlife quality. Increase or Improve economic activity by increasing assessed home value and making new workforce housing feasible. Improve wastewater management. Improve stormwater management. Improve groundwater quality. Improve surface water quality. Tracking will include monitoring water quality in residents' backyards; monitoring water quality in surface water bodies adjacent to project area; measuring stormwater collection system water quality samples.

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 the contract?

This is a reimbursable funding request. Funds will not be distributed until deliverables and performance measures are achieved.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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