



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2141

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

Improves and protects life, health and safety of community and State water resources. With the removal of approximately 1000 septic tanks and their daily loads of nutrients to soils, groundwater and surface waters, water quality will be improved with annual nutrient loadings estimated to be reduced by 9 tons of TN and 2.2 tons of TP per year. Project eliminates a potential public health threat due to poor soils conditions, flooded drain fields and small lots. Funds requested to be used to permit and construct a service lateral from an existing OSTDS to a central sewer connection allowing for the OSTDS to be taken out of service. OSTDS in the project areas are subject to removal per local land development regulations and per 381.00655 F.S. Removal of the OSTDS will enhance localized groundwater and surface water quality and remove a potential public health threat.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	83%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	17%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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



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

## 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

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

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

The Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity requesting the funding and is the owner of the facility receiving the funding benefit.

### 13. 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services to permit and construct a service lateral from existing OSTDS to central sewer connection allowing for OSTDS to be taken out of service	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to permit and construct a service lateral from an existing OSTDS to a central sewer connection allowing for the OSTDS to be taken out of service. OSTDS in the project areas are subject to removal per local land development regulations and per 381.00655 F.S. Removal of the OSTDS will enhance localized groundwater and surface water quality and remove a potential public health threat.

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

Activities include obtaining contractual services to permit and construct service lateral from existing OSTDS to central sewer connections through the OUA's procurement policies and procedures.

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

Direct services to citizens in this Rural Area of Opportunity, improves and protects life, health and safety of the community and State water resources. With the removal of approximately 1000 septic tanks and their daily loads of nutrients to soils, groundwater and surface waters, water quality will be improved. This project also eliminates a potential public health threat due to poor soils conditions, flooded drain fields and small lots.

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

Target population is the State through the protection of waters of the State in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas. Additional benefits are increased levels of service expected by visitors and residents of Okeechobee County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81 and as outlined in Florida Statutes 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Benefit with the permanent removal of 1000 old, failing septic tanks, eliminates the poor soil conditions, flooded drain fields and small lots. Public health is improved with the annual nutrient loadings estimated to be reduced by 9 tons of TN and 2.2 tons of TP per year not entering Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & Estuary; less emergent vegetation growth, algal blooms and aquatic degradation; protection of the environment/wildlife measuring subsequent water quality; Completion and certification of 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 the contract?**

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

**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)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Special District

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) FDEP Water Quality Grant Program
- N/A

#### 19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- 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?



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0%

**22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/31/2025