



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3540

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This septic to sewer project extends access to public sanitary infrastructure for homes currently served by on site sewage treatment and disposal (septic) systems. One-hundred eighty-four (184) residences located within the Wekiva Priority Focus Area have been identified for Phase 2 of this pilot (within Bear Lake Crossing/Holiday Bear Lake). This program is a critical step towards reducing harmful nitrogen that flows from septic systems into the Wekiwa Spring (Outstanding FL Spring). The County is hosting community stakeholder meetings regarding the proposed project, including costs, construction, connection procedure, and abandonment of existing septic infrastructure. An outreach program will offer opportunities for community and HOA feedback. This project is located within the FDEP Wekiwa/Rock Springs Basin Management Action Plan, within the identified Priority Focus Area (PFA). The PFA is the highest priority area targeted for septic to sewer conversions.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,200,000	24%
Local	1,000,000	11%
Other	5,000,000	54%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	9,200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No Yes

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,000,000		No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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



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Seminole County is aggressively pursuing grants for our septic to sewer program, including state and federal resiliency funds.

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

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

Seminole County Government received \$91.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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)?

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.

Seminole County Government is responsible for the direct administration of these funds.

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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Permitting and construction of wastewater collection system designated homes within selected pilot area (phase 2).	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Phase 2 of this pilot project will directly impact 184 homes located within Unincorporated Seminole County (Bear Lake Crossing and Holiday Bear Lake). These homes will receive access to public sanitary sewer infrastructure (currently served by on site septic systems). The County ultimately wishes to serve 877 total properties through expansion of this project.

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

Connection to sanitary sewer infrastructure for 184 homes within the County. Services will also include support related to abandonment of existing septic infrastructure. The County ultimately wishes to serve 877 total properties through expansion of this project.

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

Unincorporated Seminole County residents located within the Wekiva Priority Focus Area/Wekiva BMAP. Specifically, 184 homes located within Bear Lake Crossing and Holiday Bear Lake.

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

Project benefits include: Reduced nitrogen in the Wekiwa Spring will improve the habitat and ecosystem of the entire Wekiva River system, which is downstream of the spring (Improvements can be measured by both a long term reduction of the nitrogen concentrations in the water column and Improved FDEP biological scoring matrices (flora and fauna trends)); Reduction of nitrogen contamination to the Wekiva watershed due to failing septic systems, resulting in harmful algal blooms (measurement of nitrogen levels); Centralized sanitary sewer systems provide a much higher level of nitrogen reduction than traditional septic tanks (Measurement of nitrogen levels in the Wekiwa Spring; also measured reductions in wastewater influent and effluent); Removal of septic tanks from the Wekiva PFA will provide a significant reduction in groundwater nitrogen (and other nutrients), and therefore improve overall groundwater quality (measurement of nitrogen levels).

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?

Return of funds to state agency

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



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



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21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027