



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1835

1. Project Title Maccleddy - Northeast Florida State Hospital (NEFSH) Water Treatment Plant Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor Jennifer Bradley

3. Date of Request 01/27/2023

4. Project/Program Description

This project will complete the critical improvements and upgrades at the City of Maccleddy's deteriorating Northeast Florida State Hospital (NEFSH) Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The scope includes the design, permitting, and construction for the following: installation of four (4) new high service pumps, valve replacements, hypochlorite feed & storage facilities, well / high service pump control system, new electrical and emergency backup generator, and WTP Operation Building rehab/improvements.

The WTP serves the entire City, along with NEFSH and the new Legacy Elementary School. These needed upgrades will result in more reliable pressure/fire flow and allow the City to serve the ongoing and future development at the I-10/SR-121 economic corridor. It will also resolve the WTP violations identified in the FDEP inspection, resulting in more efficient, safe, and reliable WTP operations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,096,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,096,000

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)	2,096,000	89%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	11%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,346,000	100%

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.



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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.

The City of Macclenny has received \$3.48M from the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA). The City has expended or allocated these funds to related potable water system infrastructure expansion / improvement projects within this I-10/SR-121 corridor.

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.

NEFSH WTP will be owned, operated, and maintained by the City in accordance w/ the Interlocal Agmt. Support of this project has unanimous support from the City of Macclenny Commissioners, City staff, and NEFSH. This support was documented via approval of the Interlocal Agreement Sublease No. 2629-001 and the adoption of the City's FY 22/23 Budget which included this project. FDEP and SJRWMD have also acknowledged support via the approval and transfer of the respective PWS and CUP permits.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funds will be spent on engineering design, permitting, construction, and engineering services during construction. Construction will include the following: installation of four (4) new high service pumps, valve replacements, hypochlorite feed & storage facilities, well / high service pump control system, new electrical and emergency backup generator, and WTP Operation Building improvements/rehab.	2,096,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,096,000

14. Program Performance

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

This project's goal is to complete the critical improvements and upgrades at the deteriorating NEFSH WTP. The WTP serves the entire City, along with NEFSH and the new Legacy Elementary School. These needed upgrades will result in more reliable pressure/fire flow and allow the City to serve the ongoing and future development at the I-10/SR-121 economic corridor. It will also resolve the WTP violations identified in the recent FDEP inspection, resulting in more efficient, safe, and reliable WTP operations.

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

The requested funds will be utilized for engineering design, permitting, and construction. The WTP improvements will ensure the intended goals are met, as project completion will provide more efficient, safe, resilient, and reliable water service to the City of Macclenny and NEFSH, as well as increased pressure/fire flow.

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

The citizens of Macclenny will directly benefit from the completion of the appropriation project by receiving improved and more reliable water pressures and fire flow, along with improved and more consistent water quality.

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

The target population is the approximately 7,600 citizens of the City of Macclenny, citizens in Butler County located within the City's Utility Service Area, local businesses, NEFSH, the new Legacy Elementary School, as well as the future development that is anticipated to occur along the SR-121 commercial corridor.

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

Project completion will result in a City-wide benefit of a more efficient, resilient, and stable WTP and potable water service, with an additional economic benefit of being able adequately to serve ongoing and future development at the I-10/SR 121 corridor. Improved water pressure and fire flows will be measured via hydrant flow testing. Increased economic activity will be measured by new growth that occurs following the completion of the project once adequate water service is available (see attached Map for projected development). Water quality will be measured via FDEP-required scheduled water testing.

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?

If the City does not complete this project, FDEP will issue an Administrative or Consent Order to the City for the variety of issues at the NEFSH WTP, which were identified as violations by FDEP at their 5-26-22 inspection. The issuance of an AO or CO by FDEP will result in penalties in accordance w/ FSS and FAC. The Warning Letter WL22-176 sent to the City following the inspection is attached. The City was not fully aware of the extent of the issues when they took ownership of the WTP in 2021. The City will assess liquidated damages to the selected Contractor if they do not meet the contractual completion date.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization



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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

☐ University or College

☒ Other (please specify) Municipality

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) DEO Rebuild Florida Mitigation General Infrastructure Program - Rounds 1 (2020) and 2 (2021)

☐ N/A

19. What is the population economic status?



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- ☐ 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?

The project is currently in the Planning & Design Phase

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2024