



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1915

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will begin the process of converting the existing septic systems within the Town of Altha to a central sewer collection and treatment system. This will include the installation of a new gravity sewer, a master lift station, and associated forcemains. This project will provide for improved groundwater quality and higher densities to limit urban sprawl.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
				No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

FDEP Water Quality Grant
NFWFMD Grants

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.



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For the American Rescue Plan funding, the Town of Altha has received \$123,210. This was used for emergency personnel salary and infrastructure repairs.

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.

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	Costs associated with the design, permitting and construction of the sewer system improvements. All of the proposed services are expected to be completed by consultants and contractors.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The proposed project would design and construct a portion of the necessary collection and transmission infrastructure to begin the process of the septic-to-sewer conversion. Not only will this provide for improved groundwater quality, but also higher densities to limit urban sprawl. The Town of Altha also anticipates that this project will have a positive impact to the groundwater below and also the local Chipola River.

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



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The project will include the installation of approximately 6,400 LF of 8" gravity sewer line, 2,800 LF of 6" forcemain and a master lift station. The residential septic tanks will also be crushed and or removed and all houses within the service area will be connected to the new gravity sewer system, approximately 90 connections.

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

This project will provide the citizens with a more reliable sewer collection system while also boosting the environmental benefits for Altha and the surrounding area.

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

The targeted population for this project is approximately 90 residencies located on the west side of State Road 71.

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

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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 the contract?

The Auditor General audits for both the Town and State agencies. If the project is not completed within the requirements outlined in the grant award, the funding may be withdrawn.

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
☐ University or College
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number (850)762-3280

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None

b. Firm Name None

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?

N/A

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024