



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2004

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will convert 100 septic systems to sanitary sewer. Priority will be given to properties which pose the highest threat to Lagoon water quality in terms of nutrient/pathogen loading. Grants will be offered to homeowners who agree to connect to gravity or force main sewer, if available, in proximity, and if nearest treatment plant has available capacity. Connections will be funded up to \$12k for gravity mains and \$18k for force mains or gravity connections that require a lift pump.

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	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	900,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,800,000	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.

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.

American Rescue Plan Act: First Tranche \$58.5M for Infrastructure, Revenue Replacement, and Vaccine Incentive (second tranche of \$58.5M expected in May 2022) CARES Act: Coronavirus Relief Funds - \$105M for Public Safety Needs and Economic Support; \$20.4M for Transit, Housing, Fire Rescue, Valkaria Airport, and Sheriff Ongoing Community Programs; \$32.6M for Emergency Rental Assistance; \$6.6M for HUD Programs, \$4.2M for Housing Programs; \$3M for Transit

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?

Upon execution

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3/1/2026

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.

Homeowners will be reimbursed for costs to connect to public sewer and properly abandon their septic system.

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	Planning, permitting & inspection costs. Abandonment of deactivated septic systems. Installation of private sewer laterals from street to house stub-out, connection fees, grinder pumps or lift stations (if necessary), electrical connections (if necessary), site restoration, and other costs associated with abandoning septic systems and converting to sanitary sewer.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

14. Program Performance



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

The ultimate goal of this project is to improve water quality of the Indian River Lagoon by reducing the amount of nitrogen pollution from household wastewater that enters groundwater through septic drainfields. By eliminating this nutrient pollution, groundwater which makes its way to the Indian River Lagoon will not fuel new algae blooms or exacerbate ongoing blooms. Bloom conditions reduce water clarity and decrease dissolved oxygen, contributing to seagrass loss and fish kills.

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

Plumbing contractors will abandon up to 100 private septic systems and connect those properties to sanitary sewer. Connections will take place on private properties with the consent of owners who volunteer to participate in the program. The first 100 to apply will be offered funding.

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

Brevard County will provide funds for qualified plumbing & septic contractors to abandon septic systems and connect private properties to sanitary sewer. Funds will cover the costs associated with abandonment of deactivated septic systems and installation and connection of new sanitary sewer equipment. Individual funding amounts will be capped at \$18,000 per property.

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

At least 100 owners of conventional septic systems in Brevard County will be served. A detailed septic analysis identified approximately 4,496 properties located within 30 feet of existing sewer infrastructure. These properties can quickly be disconnected from septic and connected to sewer.

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

The expected benefit of this project is a reduction of over 2,400 pounds of nitrogen. The success of the program may be measured by the number of participants, the estimated reduction in nitrogen loading, and performance data from measuring the groundwater at a subsample of participating sites.

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?

Past performance should be taken into account by bill sponsors. Brevard County continues to meet its deliverables, however there could be a penalty of non-payment until contractual obligations are met.

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) IRL Water Quality Grant program
- 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?

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