



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2656

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hernando County's landfill falls within the Homosassa and Chassahowitzka BMAP and also within the County's water supply wellhead protection area. The landfill leachate (stormwater that enters the landfill cells) is currently being transported and treated outside the County which is costly and unreliable. A preliminary engineering report is needed to decide on the best technology to construct a facility and treat and dispose of the leachate at the landfill protecting the groundwater.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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.

Approximately \$36 million. The funds were used to provide personnel with personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as reimbursement for additional personnel costs, assistance to businesses affected by COVID-19, provide equipment needed for remote working.

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?

1/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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.

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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	Perform study to determine the best treatment technology and prepare a design criteria package to assist with bidding the project for design and construction	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

Determine the best emerging technology to treat and dispose of landfill leachate to protect the Springs and groundwater. Also, produce a design criteria package that will be used to bid the project for design and construction.

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



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Study analyzing the existing landfill and create a design criteria package to bid out the project for design and construction.

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

No direct services to citizens.

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

Hernando County residents which serves more than 200,000 in population

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

Treatment of the landfill leachate will reduce the pollutant loading entering the groundwater to preserve the Homosassa and Chassahowitzka Springs. Also, protect the public water supply as this leachate is highly concentrated with pollutants and the groundwater in this area is used for public supply wells and is within the County's wellhead protection area..

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?

Performance measures would include having a study and a design criteria package to choose the best technology to treat and safely dispose of the landfill leachate.

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**
- f. **Phone Number**



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="Shawn Foster"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="Sunrise Consulting Group"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="foster@scgroup.us"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(727)808-4131"/>

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?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?