



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2142

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funds are for contractual services for design, permitting, bidding, project management, and construction to address drain field failures due to flooding, rain events, poor drainage, and bad soils in this Rural Area of Economic Concern. Approximately 1 ton of nitrogen and 0.25 tons of phosphorus per year will be prevented from entering the groundwater and local surface waters. Improves water quality, protects life/health/safety and reduces HAB's and 100% reclaimed water reuse.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 3,785,741 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,785,741 |

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) | 3,785,741 | 94% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 245,088 | 6% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 4,030,829 | 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.**

n/a

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

No



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

n/a

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2025

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.

The Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity requesting the funding and is the owner of the facility receiving the funding benefit.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | n/a | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | n/a | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | n/a | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | n/a | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | n/a | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | n/a | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | n/a | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Contractual services for engineering, design, permitting, bidding, project management and construction for wastewater infrastructure improvements | 3,785,741 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,785,741 |

14. Program Performance

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

Goal achieved by funds are for contractual services for design, permitting, bidding, project management, construction to address drain field failures due to flooding, rain events, poor drainage, and bad soils in this Rural Area of Economic Concern. Approximately 1 ton of nitrogen and 0.25 tons of phosphorus per year will be prevented from entering the groundwater and local surface waters. Improves water quality, protects life/health/safety and reduce HAB's.



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

Activities include seeking contractual services for engineering, design, permitting, bidding, project management and construction for wastewater infrastructure improvements through the OUA's procurement policies.

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

Direct services to citizens is improved life, physical/mental health, safety, protection of the environment with reduced flooding, less septic system back ups into households, yards and water tables. Reduction of expenses with less pumping of septic tanks; provides for improved environment as contaminants no longer infiltrate households, yards and water tables.

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

Target population served is the State through the protection of waters of the State in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas. Additional benefits is increased levels of service expected by visitors and residents of Okeechobee County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81 and as outlined in Florida Statutes 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Benefit is improved life, health, safety and welfare of residents, the general public, ground and surface water quality, drinking water and wastewater system management with the removal of 110 failing septic systems. It is estimated the annual nutrient loadings to be reduced by one ton of TN per year and 0.25 tons of TP per year with conversion to centralized wastewater treatment system. 100% reclaimed water reuse.

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?

Non-payment of outstanding invoices, implementation of a corrective action plan, invoking the public construction bond or performance bond.

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



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Other (please specify) Special District

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) FDEP 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?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?