



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1300

1. **Title of Project:** Zolfo Springs Sewer Biosolids Improvements

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Town currently hauls liquid biosolids (sludge) from their wastewater treatment facility after it is treated to meet FDEP requirements. This method is cost prohibitive since the liquid biosolids contain 98 to 99% water. The Town would like to increase the solids concentration through a biosolids dewatering system that is cost effective when compared to other alternatives such as belt filter press or centrifuge. The Town is requesting funding to pay for the design, permitting and construction of gravity dewatering box and accessories to decrease their ongoing biosolids disposal costs.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	150,000
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	150,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering services required for design, permitting, and construction services. Construction of biosolids dewatering box system.	150,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The improvements will significantly decrease the Town's disposal expenses by reducing the amount of water hauled for biosolid disposal.

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

Engineering and permitting will be required to design and receive approval from FDEP to construct the system. Upon approval, the project will be publicly bid to obtain pricing by licensed contractor's to install the system for use by the Town.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Improvements at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility. These improvements will decrease on-going disposal costs and assist in managing the Town's sewer rates.

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

The project will provide a Town-wide benefit.

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

Reduce biosolid hauling costs. The decrease in expenditures will be a direct result of the improvements.

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 in the contract?

Non-payment of invoices

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Owners are the requesting entity.



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13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Linda Roberson
- b. **Organization:** Town of Zolfo Springs
- c. **E-mail Address:** townmanager@townofzolfo.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (863)735-0405 Ext. 224

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Town of Zolfo Springs
- b. **County:** Hardee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Linda Roberson
- e. **E-mail Address:** townmanager@townofzolfo.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (863)735-0405

15. 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

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

18. What is the status of construction? Planning Stage

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? -0-

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 05/01/2020