



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1304

1. **Title of Project:** Okeechobee Utility Authority Treasure Island Septic to Sewer Infrastructure

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/11/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Removal of 2400 old and/or failing private septic tanks & failing package wastewater plants leaching septic effluent into Taylor Creek, Nubbin Slough, rim canal of Lake Okeechobee, Indian River Lagoon, Caloosahatchee River, Fort Myers Estuaries & into the Everglades Ecosystem. OUA has expended >\$1.4 million of in-house resources including property purchase, easement issues, preliminary engineering, permitting & design since 2008. Collection system requires piping, valves, collection tanks, vacuum/pump stations & sanitary force main/pump station connecting collection system to regional treatment facility requires piping, valves, pump station, vacuum sewer system, sanitary force main/pump station. Residents & businesses wastewater to be collected & pumped to Regional Wastewater Plant via Eastside Forcemain for treatment & disposal includes keeping effluent away from the north rim of Lake Okeechobee. Augments U.S. EPA water quality rules & regs of FDEP & SFWMD.

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	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	14.43%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,400,000	5.77%
Other	19,360,200	79.80%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	24,260,200	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		523,867	1136	No

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



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10. 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:		
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 and Construction	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Goal is the removal of 2400 old failing package plants & septic systems & adding to the regional wastewater treatment plant, reduction of pollutants entering State water resources. Addresses permitting agencies regulations & State standards. Provides for the life, health & safety for the State, residents and visitors.

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

Contractual engineering & construction services to construct the project as designed, including bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, project management & construction observation services.

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

When construction is completed, the project provides for improved life, health and safety by reducing pollutants entering wells & State protected water resources.

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

The entire State through the protection of State endangered waters in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & Estuary, surrounding areas, visitors, residents in Okeechobee County & the overall environmental health of the State of Florida.

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

Expected benefit associated from the requested funds includes protection of life, public health & the environment, increased service, reliability, protection of State endangered waters (Taylor Creek, Nubbin



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Slough, Lake Okeechobee, Indian River Lagoon, Caloosahatchee River & the Fort Myers area Estuaries) due to improved water quality resulting from the removal of 2400 old/failing equipment and septic systems.

- 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; corrective action plan

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.**

Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity, owner and requestor.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Okeechobee Utility Authority
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- d. **Phone Number:** (863)763-9460

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Okeechobee Utility Authority
- b. **County:** Okeechobee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Special District
- d. **Contact Name:** John Hayford
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

Wastewater Revolving Loan



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- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe): USDA
- 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
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

18. What is the status of construction? Not ready

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

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2024