



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1325

1. Title of Project: Okeechobee Utility Authority Pine Ridge Park Eastern Service Area

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The OUA has been addressing this system since the Court Order to bring the system into compliance. Pine Ridge is served by gravity collection & on-site septic tanks that are low, flat & poorly drained area & as such, septic drain fields are compromised when the area is wet. The area properties don't have a community potable water system & rely on wells to provide potable water. The wells are in close proximity to septic tank drain fields & public health becomes a serious issue in the wet/rainy season. The OUA intends to put water mains in the area to serve these properties & add fire hydrants for fire protection. The expansion of the gravity collection system would remove approx. 80 old/failing system tank systems & add 80 residential homes to the gravity collection system. Improvements provide for increased service, reliability & protection of State Waters with reduction of pollutants entering Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & Estuary.

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	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

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)	1,250,000	83.33%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	250,000	16.67%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2016-17		350,000	1600A	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	Design, Engineering, permitting, project management & construction	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Protection of life, public health & the environment, increased service, reliability, fire protection, protection of State endangered waters (Taylor Creek, Nubbin Slough, Lake Okeechobee Estuaries) due to improved water quality resulting from removing 80 old & failing septic equipment/systems; addresses Court Order to bring the system into compliance.

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

Engineering, bidding, project management and construction of final design.

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

Once constructed, connection to centralized wastewater treatment system provides for improved life, health & safety of citizenry with improved water quality/quantity, reliable service, fire protection, improved environment with reduction of pollutants entering State protected water resources.

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

Residents, citizenry, visitors & the State with 80 connections to centralized wastewater treatment system will serve approximately 160+ individuals.

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

Construction of final design to remove 80 old failing septic systems & adding 80 connections to a regional system, install new water mains, add fire hydrants for fire protection. Properties do not have a community



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potable water system & rely on wells to provide potable water as the wells are in close proximity to septic tank drain fields & public health becomes a serious issue in the wet/rainy season. Addressing Court Order to bring into compliance.

- 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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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
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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?**



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- 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
- 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? 12/31/2022