



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1363

1. Title of Project: Warm Mineral Springs Water and Wastewater Expansi

2. Senate Sponsor: Joe Gruters

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The historically significant buildings on Warm Mineral Springs Park were constructed in the late 1950s are showing signs of deterioration, resulting in the failure of the central water and wastewater systems. To address the environmental impacts to the Spring and protect the nearby manatee zones, the City needs to extend water and wastewater services. The Warm Mineral Springs Park was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on November 28, 1977. In 2018 the City of North Port applied for historic designation of the three existing structures. The naturally occurring Spring has year-round temperatures of 85 degrees and an estimated 51 minerals attract visitors from around the world. Well-preserved artifacts, human bones, and Pleistocene age animal bones and plant remains have been found in and around the Spring.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,400,000

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)	1,400,000	50.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,400,000	50.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,800,000	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



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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		
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	The project requires approximately 5,030 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines, a lift station and 6,550 feet of water lines.	1,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,400,000

11. Program Performance:

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

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

The design and construction of water and waster water infrastructure to serve the Warm Mineral Springs Park facility and surrounding grounds.

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

Services provided include eliminating the environmental hazards of a undersized wastewater system as well as greater health benefits for visitors due to cleaner drinking water.

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

Target: Local, national and international visitors. The natural spring in Warm Mineral Springs Park maintains 85 degrees year round and contains an estimated 51 minerals making it one of the most mineral rich natural springs in the United States. It attracts over 110,000 visitors from all over the world annually.

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



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will be measured?

The completion of the project will allow the Warm Mineral Springs Park to function at a higher rate and protect the surrounding natural resources.

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?

Re-performance of services if deemed unsatisfactory, granting refunds plus interest in the event funds are found to be comingled, and granting refunds plus interest in the event costs are reimbursed from another source.

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.

The City of North Port purchased Sarasota County's interest in the Springs on Friday, September 26, 2014 for \$2.75 million. The City of North Port will own the water and wastewater infrastructure constructed from this grant funding.

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Sarasota
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Local Government
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