



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1840

1. Title of Project: City of Ocala - Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion

2. Senate Sponsor: Keith Perry

3. Date of Submission: 01/14/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The purpose of this project is to establish an alternative water supply for the City of Ocala's potable water customers at Water Treatment Plant no. 2. This project would cover the construction of three, 24-inch diameter Lower Floridan production wells. The City currently draws water from the Upper Floridan aquifer and anticipates a dramatic reduction on the impact to the Silver Springs spring shed if the raw water source is changed to the Lower Floridan.

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	408,000
Total State Funds Requested	408,000

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)	408,000	17.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	792,000	33.00%
Local	408,000	17.00%
Other	792,000	33.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,400,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2,000,000

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



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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	Funds will cover the Phase I of this project which is construction of three 24-inch diameter Lower Floridan production wells, each with a five million gallon per day capacity.	408,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		408,000

11. Program Performance:

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

This project will reduce the amount of water withdrawal from the Upper Floridan aquifer (UFA) and move to the Lower Floridan aquifer (LFA) which is considered to be a suitable alternative water supply.

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

Phase I of this project will be focusing on drilling three 24-inch diameter Lower Floridan production wells.

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

By moving towards the LFA as a source of potable drinking water, the City would be limiting the amount of water being withdrawn from the UFA. This new source will decrease the negative impact on the Silver Springs by dramatically increasing the springs' water levels.

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

Target population would be City of Ocala's water service territory customers which is approximately 60,000 individuals.

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

The current well field is approximately 2 miles from Silver Springs which is considered to be a first magnitude springs. This well field is hydraulically connected while the new well field is unconnected hydraulically to Silver Springs.

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?



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N/A

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.

City of Ocala

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Sean Lanier
- b. **Organization:** City of Ocala
- c. **E-mail Address:** SLanier@ocalafl.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)351-6772

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Ocala
- b. **County:** Marion
- 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:** Rusella Bowes-Johnson
- e. **E-mail Address:** RJohnson@Ocalafl.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (352)351-6772

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Stephen Shiver
- b. **Firm Name:** The Advocacy Group at Cardenas Parters, 215 South Monroe Street Suite 602, Tallahassee, FL 32301
- c. **E-mail Address:** ss@cardenaspartners.com; sjb@cardenaspartners.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)222-8900

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): Appropriation Project Request
- N/A



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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 started

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 01/04/2022