



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2135

1. Title of Project: Sand and Grit Removal Grants for Wastewater Treatment Facilities

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 03/01/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Sand and Grit Removal Grants for Wastewater Treatment Facilities. This request is for the fifth year continuation funding of a statewide DEP administered grants program from the Federal Grants Trust Fund (not General Revenue) which allows publicly owned utilities to remove sand and grit from wastewater treatment plants which remain in operation. Distribution is on a first-come, first-serve basis with local matches, except that waiver of the match is allowed for publicly owned and utilities in rural counties, and impoverished counties and municipalities. (see proviso under line 1600 of 2018-2019 Legislative budget) (FOR LINE 7 - LOCAL FUNDING LISTED AS "INDETERMINATE, UP TP 50% - SEN. MONTFORD'S OFFICE, 1/19)

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	2,000,000			No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2000000



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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	After DEP selects local publicly owned utilities for grants, the publicly owned utilities will conduct public procurements for contracted sand/grit removal services. (Grant amounts will vary based on differing sizes, needs.)	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

- a. **What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**
Restored wastewater treatment facility capacity and reduced energy costs.
- b. **What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**
Education of municipalities on the grant program, importance of removing sand and grit, and restoring wastewater treatment facility capacity.
- c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**
Restored wastewater treatment facility capacity and reduced energy costs.
- d. **Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**
All citizens who create wastewater must receive wastewater treatment; many thousands.
- e. **What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**
Restored wastewater treatment facility capacity and reduced energy costs.
- 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?**
N/A

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



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relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

All facilities eligible are publicly owned.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** U.S. Submergent Technologies, LLC
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) 300+ publicly owned utilities
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