



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2153

1. **Title of Project:** Okaloosa County - Jerry D. Mitchem WRF at Bob Sikes Industrial Air Park

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/18/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Expand sewer capacity at the Bob Sikes Industrial Park, allowing for unhindered expansion and job opportunities.

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	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

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)	1,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
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<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	Engineering, Construction, and Start-up	1,500,000
Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Environmental Protection Reduce point source pollution discharge to nearby surface waters including Choctawhatchee Bay and its watershed from leaking, aged wastewater infrastructure.

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

Expansion of capacity at the Jerry D. Mitchem WRF at the Bob Sikes Industrial Air Park plant in order to allow the expansion of sewer service to the vast, unserved area along Hwy 90 from Shoal River to the Walton Co line, stimulating development. The activities of Bob Sikes Airport provide a significant portion of the local economy. Maintaining a strong wastewater and water infrastructure is important to continue DOD contracts and USAF partnerships. In addition, the Sustainability of the Bob Sikes Industrial Park and Military Aviation activities is critical.

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

Grant funds of \$1.5M have been obtained from Triumph Gulf Coast to extend water and sewer lines east on Hwy 90 to the Shoal River Ranch “megasite” area to posture the area for economic growth. Upon that project completion, effluent disposal capacity at the JDMWRF will be a critical next step to accommodate the expected growth driven by the new availability of water and sewer utilities in the vast, unserved area. There is no known opposition to the project.

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

The Project supports local and regional priorities to provide reliable infrastructure to benefit continued growth and maintain a sustainable environment. It also establishes a higher level of environmental protection for the surrounding tributaries and priorities of the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) programs for the Choctawhatchee, Pensacola and St. Andrew Bays, as expanded disposal capacity at the existing plant will prevent new septic tank installation in a large area. Okaloosa County has a population over 200,000

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

Reduces point source pollution discharge to nearby surface waters by reducing the number of septic tanks in the area as development expands in the service area. This project would support the goals established by the Northwest Florida Greenway Project, which represents the partnership between military, government, and non-profit organizations for the enhancement of the military mission in Northwest Florida while enhancing the



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local economy and conserving ecosystems. Outcome measures will be seen in the expanded disposal capacity at the WRF increasing environmental protection by safeguarding surrounding tributaries and other ecosystems by allowing large increases in development in the surrounding area without the installation of septic tanks.

- 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?**

Revocation of Funds

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.**

Okaloosa County Water & Sewer

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Mark Wise
- b. **Organization:** Okaloosa County Water & Sewer
- c. **E-mail Address:** mwise@myokaloosa.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)685-0297

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Okaloosa County Water & Sewer
- b. **County:** Okaloosa
- 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:** Mark Wise
- e. **E-mail Address:** mwise@myokaloosa.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)685-0297

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** Sarah Busk Suskey
- b. **Firm Name:** The Advocacy Group at Cardenas Partners
- c. **E-mail Address:** sbs@cardenaspartners.com
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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?** Ready

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

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/31/2020