



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1755

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**
- Addresses public health & environmental concerns as severe flooding from rainfalls in this area compromise drain fields, where citizens experience constant failure of aging septic systems where the effluent leaches back into homes & into the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin, creating a serious health hazard for pets, children, residents & visitors. Project includes construction of the vacuum collection/ gravity sewer system in the Southwest Wastewater Service Area that eliminates 738 aging and/or failing existing septic systems as part of the overall system. Project's location makes these improvements extremely vital to clean-up efforts of the Northern Everglades Ecosystem, Lake Okeechobee Watershed, Florida Everglades Ecosystem & augments US EPA water quality rules & plans of FDEP & is in accordance with Florida Amendment 1 cleanup, restoration & protection policies. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements needed to prevent harmful algal blooms. Submitted to FDEP BMAP Update.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2,500,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2,500,000"/>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2500000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="18.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="6,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="43"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="5,450,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="39"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="13,950,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100"/> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2018-19"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="523,867"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1136"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual construction services	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Goal is to construct the vacuum collection/gravity sewer system in the Southwest Wastewater Service Area that includes eliminating 738 aging, failing existing septic systems & reduce flooding. Purpose is to protect & improve life, health, safety & the environment by addressing old/failing drain fields due to severe flooding from rainfalls creating a potential public health threat. The project's location is extremely vital to clean-up efforts of the Northern Everglades Ecosystem, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Florida Everglades Ecosystem. Augments U.S. EPA water quality rules and regulations of FDEP. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements to help prevent harmful algal blooms.

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

Contractual construction services for the removal from service 738 aging, failing existing septic systems; to construct new wastewater collection infrastructure/sanitary forcemain as designed including connections to the regional wastewater system

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Once constructed, the wastewater collection/pumping system will provide for improved life, health & safety of the citizenry, children, and pets with improved water quality/quantity, reliable service, improved environment with reduction of pollutants entering State protected water resources. Connections to the piping system will be encouraged by other wastewater generators along the pipeline route.

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

The State through the protection of waters of the State in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas. Additional benefits in increased levels of service expected by visitors and residents of Okeechobee County.

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

Expected results & benefits associated from the requested funds include protection of life, public health, the environment, increased service, reliability, protection of State endangered waters (Lake Okeechobee & Kissimmee River) due to improved water quality resulting from the removal/replacement of the existing old/failing wastewater package plant/infrastructure & constructing new wastewater infrastructure/sanitary forcemain. This project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements to help prevent harmful algal blooms. Projected estimated to remove, per year, 6.7 tons nitrogen & 1.6 tons phosphorus. Project submitted to FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP update.

- 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 outstanding invoices, implementation of the corrective action plan, invoking the public construction bond or performance bond



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

The Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity requesting the funding and is the owner of the facility receiving the funding benefit.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- 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?**

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

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.