



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1757

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Removal of 2,430 old/failing private septic tanks & wastewater package plants potentially leaching septic tank effluent into Taylor Creek, Lake Okeechobee & eventually to the Indian River Lagoon & Caloosahatchee River estuaries or the Everglades Ecosystem. OUA has expended its resources including property or easement purchases, preliminary engineering, permitting & design since 2008. Project requires piping, valves, vacuum/pump stations & sanitary force main/pump station connecting the system to regional treatment facility. Wastewater generated by residents & businesses is to be collected & pumped to Regional Wastewater Plant via the Eastside Forcemain for treatment & disposal that includes keeping effluent away from Lake Okeechobee. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements needed to prevent harmful algal blooms. It's estimated per year 21.9 tons of nitrogen & 5.3 tons phosphorus removed from 2400 septic tanks. Project submitted to FDEP Lake Okeechobee 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="3,500,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>

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="3500000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="14.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
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="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="20,800,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="86"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>24,300,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</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	Engineering design, permitting, construction, and construction services/inspections	3,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,500,000</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

Goal is the removal of 2,430 old failing package plants & septic systems and the reduction of pollutants entering State water resources. Addresses permitting agencies regulations & State standards. Provides for improved life, health & safety for the residents and visitors to the area. Removal of the nutrient loads to reduce the potential for harmful blue-green algal blooms. It's estimated, per year 21.9 tons of nitrogen & 5.3 tons phosphorus removed from 2,430 septic tanks with connection to regional treatment facility.

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

Engineering services for design, permitting, construction and construction services/ inspections. Construction activities to build a wastewater collection infrastructure that includes 70,000 linear feet piping, 80 valves, 450 collection tanks, 2 vacuum/pump stations & the removal of 2,430 old/failing septic tanks/system with connection to centralized wastewater treatment system.

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

Improved life, health & safety of the citizenry with improved water quality/quantity, reliable service, improved environment with reduction of pollutants entering State protected water resources once constructed. It's estimated, per year 21.9 tons of nitrogen & 5.3 tons phosphorus removed from 2,430 septic tanks with connection to regional treatment facility. 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 to 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 and was 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.***