



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1294

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

4. Project/Program Description

This project will replace the Town's water supply and well system by either constructing a new well field approximately 4 miles north east of town or connecting to the Columbia county water system. Fort White currently experiences very poor water quality due to the existing well location near the stormwater collection point and the geology of the location (HAA5, TTHM and tannic color). Suwannee River Water Management District has purchased and donated the site to relocate the wells. State funds will be used only for construction of the system. The water supply services a rural community of 400 as well as the High, Middle and Elementary schools with 2,000 student daily population.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,805,610
Total State Funds Requested	2,805,610

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,805,610	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	2,805,610	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of Production Wells with pumps and valves, test well, 22,000 linear feet of water distribution lines, 18 fire hydrants, and all appurtenances.	2,805,610
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,805,610

12. Program Performance

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

Relocating the water supply to a new well field or connecting to the County water system will eliminate or significantly reduce TTHM, HAA5 and the tannic coloration in drinking water and well as eliminating the water color and contamination issues throughout distribution system. The current wells are located within 1000 feet of the stormwater collection point contributing to organic contamination of the water supply. The Suwannee River Water Management District completed the wellfield siting report, acquired the site, and donated it to the Town. This grant will also reduce need for water treatment processes at the plant.

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

These funds will be used to construct the well field or interconnection, water distribution lines, tanks and all appurtenances necessary to replace the water supply.

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

This project will provide clean drinking water citizens in Fort White and the Columbia County schools in the town. Currently, the water is undrinkable and many residents and students have to use bottled water.

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

The Town of Fort White provides drinking water to 400 residents and to the elementary, middle and high schools with over 2,000 students that attend daily. This is a rural area of economic distress.

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



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This project will provide improved drinking water quality and reduced coloration of the water as measured by FDEP water quality testing. Additionally, the improved water source will allow reduced treatment required by FDEP that address the current contamination. In the past, the Town has failed recent FDEP testing for TTHM and HAA5 and has to increase the treatment of the water system.

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 the contract?

The Town would be required to repay the funds should it fail to meet the contract.

13. 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 Town of Fort White owns the water system.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. 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

18. 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

19. What is the status of construction?

Construction has not yet started.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2021