



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1644

1. Project Title Milton North Santa Rosa Regional Water Reclamation Facility

2. Senate Sponsor Doug Broxson

3. Date of Request 02/17/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The project will replace the 35 year old wastewater treatment plant with a maximum capacity of 2.5 MGD and has a current remaining capacity of less than 0.5 MGD. Because of this capacity limitation, the City of Milton commissioned the design and permitting of a new wastewater treatment facility in 2009. The design begins with a 2 MGD plant that is expandable to 8 MGD with an associated effluent disposal area using rapid infiltration basins, the results of which would eliminate surface water discharges of wastewater effluent into the Blackwater River and associated water bodies of Pensacola Bay. The project will also provide a foundation for future economic growth in Santa Rosa County. Without additional treatment capacity, the County's future ability to provide wastewater services to new and expanding industries will be eliminated and the new jobs that would be created for the County and regional workers will not occur.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000	1635A	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

SRF funds

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



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No

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

Approximately \$337,068 has been utilized for public safety measures, communication and telework capabilities, medical/protective supply costs, public facility/vehicle cleaning and disinfecting, small business economic support and CARES Act leave costs.

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 and construction engineering services	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

In recent years, the Santa Rosa County Economic Development office has been unable to place a number of opportunities due to the lack of wastewater capacity. The economic impact of this project will create a number of both direct and indirect jobs in the region. The environmental benefits will be derived from the elimination of surface water discharge from the existing plant.

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

A number of re-use pipelines are part of the infrastructural improvements included under this application. The availability of re-use water is considered an advantage for low-cost process water for manufacturing operations.

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

The new plant will allow for continued growth of the area, along with improving drinking water and reducing wastewater effluent discharge into the Blackwater River. This will serve to reduce/eliminate nutrient loadings and the associated biological oxygen demand in the Bay system.

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

The entire population of the service area will benefit along with the economic benefits to those employed as well as environmental benefits to both residents and visitors alike.

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 public infrastructure construction project provides essential wastewater capacity for development of three Santa Rosa County commerce parks and is projected to create a total of 4,016 total new jobs over the first 10 years following construction. We will use job growth data from the Santa Rosa County Economic Development and the University of West Florida using regional economic modeling to measure job creation in the primary industries.

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?

Denial of funding and subsequent audit to the extent allowable under Florida law.

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 owner of the facility is the City of Milton although some of its customers live outside of the city limits in Santa Rosa County.



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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) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
- ☐ 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?

Shovel-ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

Less than 5%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Timeframe for construction is 30 months.