



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1878

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

#### 4. Project/Program Description

As an environmentally sensitive barrier island, Sanibel has made it a top priority to expand centralized sewer and eliminate septic tanks. In 1998, the City adopted the Island-wide Wastewater Master Plan. The primary goal of this plan is to eliminate on-site septic systems and implement city-wide central sewer service and advanced wastewater treatment and disposal. Efforts to date have resulted in 99% of all properties on Sanibel being connected to sewer. The remaining properties are located in areas that are more difficult to reach, and this project will bring the City of Sanibel to 100% central sewer service throughout the island. To date the citizens of Sanibel have invested over \$66 million into improvements to, and expansion of, the City's centralized sanitary sewer system. The Phase 4 Sewer Expansion Project will complete the City's 20+ year effort to provide central sewer services to the entire island.

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	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

#### 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)	750,000	49%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	32%
Local	297,317	19%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>1,547,317</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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No

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

The City of Sanibel has not received any direct federal assistance related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The City has requested \$104,480 from Lee County as reimbursement for a portion of direct expenses but the reimbursement has not yet been received.

#### 11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for construction of Phase IV sewer expansion, specifically to connect sections B, C, D, F, and G (all remaining sections) to city-wide central sewer service.	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to improve water quality. As an environmentally sensitive barrier island, Sanibel has adopted as the priority expanding centralized sewer and eliminating septic tanks. In 1998, the City adopted the Island-wide Wastewater Master Plan. The primary goal of this plan is to eliminate on-site septic systems and implement city-wide central sewer service and advanced wastewater treatment and disposal. Efforts to date have resulted in 99% of all properties on Sanibel being connected to sewer. This project would eliminate all remaining sections of on-site septic systems and connect the most challenging properties to the City's central sewer system.

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

Water quality has a significant impact on tourism in Lee County. The harmful algal blooms and resulting fish kills of 2018, which was reported worldwide, underscore the need for improving water quality. This project will reduce nutrient loading to the coastal waters of Lee County. By eliminating the remaining septic systems on Sanibel, this project will reduce nitrogen and phosphorus loading to surface and groundwater, protect property values, improve quality of life, enhance habitat for fish and wildlife, and safeguard world class beaches which are the economic engine of Southwest Florida.

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



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This project will eliminate the remaining on-site septic systems and connect those properties to the city-wide central sewer system. The project will not only benefit residents of Sanibel; visitors, boaters, anglers, and others who enjoy the pristine coastal waters will benefit from this project. Moreover, Sanibel Island is one of the primary economic drivers for Lee County, with tourism in Lee County generating more than \$3 billion annually. Sanibel is an international destination and our beaches have been ranked as some of the best in the world. This project will protect and improve the quality of our coastal waters, increasing tourism and use of local beaches. Finally, this project will create and/or support local engineering jobs, survey jobs and construction jobs during project construction. It is estimated that \$1 million will be paid out to Florida businesses during the life of the construction project.

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

The entire community of Sanibel (approximately 6,600 full time residents) will be served by the water quality improvements. Additionally, all Lee County residents and thousands of annual visitors to our beaches and coastal waters will also benefit from the project. Sanibel Island is one of the primary economic drivers for Lee County, with tourism in Lee County generating more than \$3 billion annually. Sanibel is an international destination and our beaches have been ranked consistently as world-class. This project will protect and improve the quality of our coastal waters, increasing tourism and use of local beaches.

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

The City's water quality monitoring program will capture changes in water quality. As part of the Sanibel Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan and the Sanibel Communities for Clean Water Program (SanibelCleanWater.org), the City has extensive surface and ground water monitoring data. Sites will be sampled periodically to evaluate changes in water quality associated with this project.

**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?**

Funding reimbursement may be withheld.

**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.**

Work will take place in the City of Sanibel's right-of-way and all infrastructure will be owned and maintained by the City of Sanibel.



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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) Water Quality Improvements Grant (Line Item #1662, SB 2500, FY 2019-2020)
- ☐ 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?**

Not started.

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

0%

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

3/31/2022