



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1276

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Design, construction and construction engineering inspection (CEI) services for a comprehensive upgrade of the existing City of Clewiston's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) facilities including the provision of enhanced treatment processes and increased treatment capacity to serve the entire city limits, areas currently served outside the city limits and to accommodate expanding service to areas west of the city limits along the U.S. 27 highway corridor up to and including specifically the vicinity of the Airglades International Airport (AIA) property. The project will improve the treatment processes sufficient to meet all state environmental permitting requirements and benefit the area environment by producing reuse quality effluent for irrigation purposes and redirecting waste loads from the Airglades Airport to the City's NPDES permitted higher-level wastewater treatment facility allowing for the decommissioning of the existing smaller Airglades wastewater treatment facility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	13,507,000
Total State Funds Requested	13,507,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	13,507,000	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 2022-2023	13,507,000	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.



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

Yes

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

The City did not receive any direct funding. The City received funding indirectly from Hendry County for eligible expenses to fund public safety salaries in the amount of \$890,000.

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	Comprehensive upgrade & modernization of the existing National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) state permitted WWTP facilities to provide for tertiary level treatment processes producing reuse quality effluent suitable for irrigation purposes while increasing capacity to provide for additional flows to accommodate new development & allowing for septic to sewer conversions. Improvements will include standby power generator provisions, WWTP process and pumping upgrades, wastewater	13,507,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		13,507,000

12. Program Performance

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

To comprehensively modernize the existing NPDES permitted City WWTP facilities to provide for enhanced treatment processes to satisfy DEP consent order requirements; increase treatment capacity to provide for septic to sewer conversions & economic development opportunities for underdeveloped properties west of the city along the U.S. 27 highway corridor including the AIA site; allow for environmental enhancements including producing reuse quality effluent suitable for irrigation purposes which reduces groundwater demand; and, also decommissioning the existing airport wastewater treatment facility.

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

For any significant economic development to occur in the Clewiston area and for environmental compliance to be achieved while meeting service demands by providing for expanded capacity, the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant must be upgraded as proposed by this project.

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



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The proposed modernization & expansion project of the existing NPDES permitted City WWTP will improve overall public health, safety and welfare of the community at large. Specifically, environmental conditions in the areas served, which are in close proximity to Lake Okeechobee, will be improved while providing the opportunity to expand public wastewater disposal services to more citizens thus accommodating reasonable growth and economic development potential to enhance the local economy and overall quality of life of the entire region. Importantly, the requested funding will provide for the much needed improvements in a manner that will allow customer rates to remain affordable in a fiscally constrained community with among the highest unemployment rates and lowest wage rates in the state.

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

The completion of the modernization of the existing City WWTP with the requested additional capacity will benefit the entire population of the city limits and areas served outside the City currently including the Harlem community and several mobile home park properties in close proximity to the City totaling approximately 15,000. The proposed treatment capacity expansion which will provide for economic development opportunities along the U.S. 27 highway corridor and including the AIA project site will indirectly benefit all of Hendry County's 40,000 population, as well as, portions of adjoining counties including specifically rural Glades County.

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

The City will satisfy DEP pending consent order requirements in total with this WWTP modernization project completed. The additional treatment capacity will allow the connection of existing failing septic systems to convert to public wastewater treatment including the undersized existing Airglades Airport package treatment plant to be decommissioned. Increased capacity will also provide for economic development of the AIA project and for the areas west of the city limits along the U.S. 27 highway corridor to include the airport. All these improvements and outcomes will add substantially to the overall quality of life, as well as, public health, safety and welfare of the entire region. As a result of this project, lower unemployment rates, higher prevailing wage rates and increased public sector revenues resulting from enhanced property values associated with new private sector investment are anticipated positive outcomes over time which can be measured.

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?

As these are public investments in infrastructure and provided that the City uses the funds appropriately under state agency oversight, no penalties should be incurred by the responsible local government agency.

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 City of Clewiston will continue to own, operate and be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance of the capital improvements constructed with the requested funding.



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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) CDBG & State grant assistance, but denied
- ☒ N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- ☒ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☒ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☒ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☒ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☐ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

As no funding is currently available, construction of the project has not begun.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025