



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1728

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	5%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	31,500,000	95%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	33,000,000	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.

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

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



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The City of Leesburg received \$1,193,750 in CARES funds which were awarded to eligible Companies and Organizations for COVID-19 relief. Additionally, the City has been awarded \$11,855,707 and has received \$5,927,853.50 in American Rescue Plan Act funds these funds will be used as follows:
 \$2,100,000 Aide to local organizations
 \$1,055,707 City of Leesburg Revenue Replacement
 \$2,400,000 Pine Street Redevelopment Project
 \$6,300,000 Turnpike WWT Facility Expansion

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	Capital costs for construction of the water quality treatment process improvements at this facility. These include additional treatment basins, nutrient removal equipment, transfer pumping, disinfection, and associated electrical and controls.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

Construction of wastewater treatment facility improvements that when complete the improvement will be reflected in the facility discharge monitoring reports will show the improvement in the concentration of nutrients.

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

The City of Leesburg Turnpike project would provide above and beyond improvements to those water quality proposals already listed in the Ocklawaha Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP). These improvements will enhance nitrification and therefore overall nutrient removal and provide accommodation for new residents in the Villages.

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

The target population are the residents/customers of the Villages and Leesburg and surrounding area who recreate and utilize the lakes and streams within this watershed.

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



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be measured?

The Phase 2 upgrades will not only expand the WWTF capacity to 6.0MGD but will also result in water quality improvements to Okahumpka Swamp and Little Lake Harris. The water quality treatment processes implemented at this facility will result in additional highly treated reclaimed water for the Villages and therefore reduce nutrient concentrations in the basin. These process improvements include the optimization of aeration and expansion of treatment capacity. The innovative improvements will further enhance nitrification and therefore overall nutrient removal.

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?

Required Quarterly Status Reporting

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.

City of Leesburg is the owner and operator of the facility.



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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) Plan to apply for SJRWMD Cost Share
- 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 yet commenced.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2024