



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1973

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City is proposing to expand our reclaim services to the Hernando Oaks Golf Course for irrigation with a total of 7,500 feet of reuse line connecting to an already existing pond. Reuse water is a sustainable and cost-effective water supply, it reduces the demand on water from our drinking-water source, the Florida Aquifer, as well as reducing the costs of pumping water from the aquifer for irrigation purposes.

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               | 272,500        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>272,500</b> |

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)       | 272,500        | 50%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                |             |
| Federal                                              | 0              | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0%          |
| Local                                                | 272,500        | 50%         |
| Other                                                | 0              | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b> | <b>545,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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 received CARES Funding as a subrecipient from Hernando County and has also received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

#### 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                      | Planning, design and engineering and construction of reclaim water line | 272,500        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |                                                                         | <b>272,500</b> |

#### 12. Program Performance

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

To provide the City's Treatment Facility with another outlet for discharging of reclaimed water.

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

Construction includes open cut and directional boring to connect to the City's existing reuse line, along with all valves, fittings etc., to allow metered discharge of reclaimed water into a receiving pond for the purpose of irrigation to the golf course and development.

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

There are numerous benefits to providing reclaim to include the reduction in the need of fertilizers, as some nutrients, i.e. nitrogen and phosphorus, remain in the reuse water. The reduction of fertilizer saves citizens money, and minimizes the amount of nutrients carried away in stormwater runoff that eventually makes its way into the Florida Aquifer, and into the Weeki Wachee Spring Shed. The supply of 225,000 gpd of reclaimed water to offset the use of 170,000 gpd of existing, permitted, groundwater use, this reflects the resource benefit.

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

All citizens of the City, population 8,564, and visitors may benefit from this project.

##### 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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Using reclaimed water for irrigation will minimize the use of fertilizers, that can be carried away in stormwater systems during rain events, and contaminating water bodies. Will minimize costs of pumping water from the aquifer, thereby conserving our drinking water supply. Will enhance the aesthetic look of the community and the City benefits by having another outlet for reclaimed water.  
Compare cost savings of using less store bought fertilizer on yards and common areas, with receiving reuse water that contains nitrogen and phosphorus, main components in fertilizer. Compare cost savings of electrical use, maintenance of pumps and equipment for pumping water from the aquifer for irrigation, with receiving reuse water from the City's Treatment Facility.

**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?**

Withhold payment.

**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.**

N/A



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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?**

Ready

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

0%

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

12/31/2023