



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2067

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a vacuum assisted sewer system to serve approximately 638 residential properties currently served by septic tanks and drainfields. The project will enhance water quality in the St. Lucie River by eliminating nutrient loading from 638 septic systems at the rate of 9 lbs per person per year Total and .89 lbs Total Phosphorous per month per septic tank as indicated by a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Study. In addition the increased wastewater flow will be converted to reuse quality water for irrigation use.

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	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>8,000,000</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)	8,000,000	48%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,500,000	52%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>16,500,000</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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$28 million in CARES Act funds received and allocated as follows:

- Community Assistance - \$7,500,000
    - oFood Insecurity - \$1,000,000
    - oChildcare Assistance - \$500,000
    - oMental Health Support - \$500,000
    - oNonprofit Assistance - \$5,500,000
  - Economic Assistance - \$6,500,000
    - oBusiness Relief Program - \$5,000,000
    - oTourism Reboot Program - \$1,000,000
    - oLandlord Relief Program - \$500,000
  - Municipal Assistance - \$14,000,000
    - oMunicipal Relief Program - \$1,000,000
    - oPublic Safety Reimbursement Program - \$12,500,000
    - oConstitutional Office Reimbursement Program - \$500,000
- \$31 million in ARPA funds received and allocated as follows:
- Economic Development Assistance - \$3,500,000
  - Library Assistance - \$750,000
  - Food and Sundries Assistance - \$3,200,000
  - Broadband Infrastructure - \$1,000,000
  - Community Partner Relief - \$1,250,000
  - Community Assistance Program - \$5,700,000
  - Capital Infrastructure Assistance - \$13,000,000
  - Potential Cost Overrun - \$2,600,000

#### 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	The County will hire a contractor to construct a vacuum sewer project for septic to sewer conversions.	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>8,000,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The project will enhance water quality in the St. Lucie River and Estuary by eliminating 568 lbs Total Phosphorous annually to help achieve the Total Maximum Daily Load goal and help complete the Basin Management Action Plan as well as compliment the state's Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program. This project is an element of Martin County's 10 year "Connect to Protect" plan to convert 10,000 septic systems in 10 years. In addition the increased wastewater flow will be treated to tertiary levels and conserved for reuse purposes.

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



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The county will construct a vacuum assisted gravity sewer system to serve approximately 638 single family units with centralized sewer service and eliminate on-site septic systems. The county's "Connect to Protect" program has several incentive features built in to encourage voluntary connection to new sewer services. They include early connection discounts, special assessment financing over 20 years, and negotiated bulk pricing for simple and high value lateral line connection options.

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

This project will provide centralized sewer services to 638 single family units.

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

This will serve the Coral Gardens neighborhood with approximately 1600 persons.

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

The 638 properties will benefit from removal of septic systems as well as the general public by enhanced water quality in the St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon. There will be continued groundwater and surface water testing to support the desired outcome of the project according to a DEP approved Quality Assurance plan.

**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?**

If the project is not completed, funds to be reverted back to FDEP.

**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.**

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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?**

Construction is proposed during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

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

Construction has not been started.

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

12/29/2023