



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2362

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project provides for plant support facilities to extend wastewater lines & potable water lines to include nitrate impacted homes to remove approx. 40-50 private septic systems (& disconnect private wells) contributing to nitrates in the residential area of Wauchula Hills Service Area affecting approx. 400 to 600 homes. Families living here are economically depressed: median household income is greatly below State averages, low and low-to-moderate incomes. Protects public health, the environment by providing clean safe waters eliminating area hazardous leaking septic systems by providing central provider infrastructure for sewer & water for existing, new homes and enterprises along & adjacent to US 17 corridor for health, safety & water protection. The project addresses FDEP requirements to reduce nitrate levels in residential wells, augments & supports SWFWMD water quality standards for the Peace River Basin & Charlotte Harbor Estuary and includes 100% effluent reuse.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,100,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,100,000

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)	3,100,000	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	3,100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No Yes

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No Yes

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.

Allocation to receive: \$5,232,196; Use plan includes eligible COVID-19 Public Health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods, etc), admin reporting/equitable outcome/community engagement expenses, and capital investing in public facilities (i.e., Broadband, HVAC/filter-related, productivity tech/software, facilities sanitation, etc.)

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	Contractual engineering design and construction services	3,100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,100,000

12. Program Performance

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

Provide improved life, health, and safety to Wauchula Hills Service Area & Region by removing approx.40-50 old/failing septic systems leaching nitrate containments into private wells and treatment of wastewater effluent; eliminate reliance on septic systems through septic-to-sewer conversions and decommissioning. Addressing permitting agencies regulations, Health Dept. citations, and protection of State water resources-Peace River Basin & Charlotte Harbour Estuary. 100% effluent reuse. Improved economic activity, wastewater management, ground & surface water quality. Protection of general public, improved health and environment.

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

Contractual engineering services, design, permitting, bidding, project management and construction services to construct the project as designed.

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

Improved life, health and safety with the removal of approx.40-50 old/failing septic systems, leaching into ground waters & private wells. Provide for clean, safe potable water and effluent treatment in a regional system with 100% reuse.

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

The State, visitors, residents (est.165+) of Hardee County and surrounding area (indeterminate #) within the Peace River Basin and Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

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?

Addressing nitrate health citations, permitting agencies regulations, protection of State endangered waters by adding approximately 40-50 connections to the central public system. Improved economic activity, wastewater management, ground & surface water quality. Protection of general public, improved health and environment.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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.

Hardee County is the owner 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) 2021 FDEP Water Quality Grant Program
- 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 Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025