



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1958

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

This septic to sewer project extends access to public sanitary infrastructure for homes currently served by onsite sewage treatment and disposal (septic) systems. Seventy-four residences located within the Wekiva Priority Focus Area have been identified for Phase I of this pilot (within Brantley Hall Estates, Brantley Harbor, and Cherry Hill). This program is a critical step towards reducing harmful nitrogen that flows from septic systems into the Wekiwa Spring (Outstanding Florida Spring). Seminole County ultimately wishes to serve 877 total properties through expansion of this project.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,000,000</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.**

Seminole County has applied for the FDEP Wastewater Grant and utilizes the County's Infrastructure Sales Tax to match these grants. The County intends to pursue federal funding opportunities and future grants, as well.

**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.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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 project costs cover design, permitting, and construction of a wastewater collection system to a pilot area of homes currently served by septic systems.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 14. 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?**

Phase 1 of this pilot project will directly impact 74 homes located within Unincorporated Seminole County (Brantley Hall Estates, Brantley Harbor, and Cherry Hill). These homes will receive access to public sanitary sewer infrastructure (currently served by onsite septic systems). The County ultimately wishes to serve 877 total properties through expansion of this project.

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

Connection to sanitary sewer infrastructure for 74 homes within Unincorporated Seminole County. Services will also include support related to abandonment of existing septic infrastructure. The County ultimately wishes to serve 877 total properties through expansion of this project.

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

Unincorporated Seminole County residents: 74 home within the Wekiwa Priority Focus Area (Brantley Hall Estates, Brantley Harbor, Cherry Hill)

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

1. Reduced nitrogen in the Wekiwa Spring will improve the habitat and ecosystem of the entire Wekiwa River system, which is downstream of the spring; Improvements can be measured by both a long term reduction of the nitrogen concentrations in the water column and Improved FDEP biological scoring matrices (flora and fauna) trends.
2. Reduction of nitrogen contamination to the Wekiwa watershed due to failing septic systems, resulting in harmful algal blooms; measurement of nitrogen levels.
3. Centralized sanitary sewer systems provide a much higher level of nitrogen reduction than traditional septic tanks; measurement of nitrogen levels in the Wekiwa Spring; also measured reductions in wastewater influent and effluent.
4. Removal of septic tanks from the Wekiwa PFA will provide a significant reduction in groundwater nitrogen (and other nutrients), and therefore improve overall groundwater quality; measurement of nitrogen levels.

**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?**

Reimbursement of funds to FDEP

**15. Requester Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

### Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

#### 18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) FDEP Wastewater Grant
- N/A

#### 19. 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

#### 20. What is the status of construction?



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21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026