



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2144

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Design and construction of Treasure Island Wastewater System and Sanitary Force Main for centralized sewer system and removal of +/-2400 old/failing private septic tanks and failing package wastewater plants leaching septic effluent into State waters, Lake Okeechobee and surrounding estuaries. Augments EPA/FDEP/SFWMD water quality rules, cleanup, restoration and water policies. Estimated that 21.6 tons of nitrogen and 5.2 tons of phosphorus per year to be removed and not entering water supply sources leads to less emergent vegetation growth, algal blooms and aquatic degradation. Project submitted to Lake Okeechobee BMAP update, Project No. F-29.

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

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,879,420
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,879,420</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)	4,879,420	16%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	1,000,000	3%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	24,520,580	81%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>30,400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	3,500,000	1665a	No

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

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.

## 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.

The Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity requesting the funding and is the owner of the facility receiving the funding benefit.

### 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services for engineering during construction, project management and construction	4,879,420
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,879,420</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Goal is to protect life, health, safety, water resources and the environment with the installation of the wastewater infrastructure to remove +/-2400 old failing package plants and septic systems, and reduction of pollutants entering State water resources. Removal of the nutrient loads to reduce the potential for harmful blue-green algal blooms.



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

To seek contractual services for engineering during construction, project management and construction through the OUA's procurement policies and procedures.

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

Direct services to citizens is improved life, health and safety with improved water quality/quantity, reliable service, improved environment with reduction of pollutants entering State protected water resources once constructed. It's estimated, per year that 21.6 tons of nitrogen and 5.2 tons phosphorus will be removed from +/-2400 septic tanks decommissioned and connected to regional treatment facility. Connections to the piping system will be encouraged by other wastewater generators along the pipeline route.

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

The State through the protection of waters of the State in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas. Additional benefits is increased levels of service expected by visitors, residents and businesses of Okeechobee County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81 and as outlined in Florida Statutes 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Benefits include protection of life, public health, safety of citizens, increased service, reliability, protection of the environment and State endangered waters (Lake Okeechobee & Kissimmee River) due to improved water quality resulting from the removal/replacement of old/failing wastewater package plant/infrastructure and constructing new wastewater infrastructure/ sanitary forcemain. This project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity and was submitted to FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP update. Provides for a safe means to dispose of wastewater. Estimated 21.6 tons of nitrogen and 5.2 tons of phosphorus removed per year. Completion and certification of the project.

**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 outstanding invoices, implementation of the corrective action plan, invoking the public construction bond or performance bond.

**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

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Special District

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 Water Quality Grant Program
- N/A

#### 19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

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

#### 21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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

06/30/2026