



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2594

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of St. Lucie Village is pursuing a septic-to-sewer conversion project to eliminate septic tanks in the Town. Phases 1 and 2 of this project are east of Old Dixie Highway and are subject to tidal flooding. Design of Phase 1 is nearly complete and construction is expected to start next year. Design of Phase 2 is in progress and should be completed in January 2024. St. Lucie Village lies entirely within the Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan (CIRL BMAP) area and will be required to comply with requirements of House bill 1379. This includes eliminating the use of septic tanks in the CIRL BMAP by July 1, 2030, either by connecting to a sewer system or by replacing septic tanks with nutrient removal systems. The Town is pursuing the sewer system as the more cost-effective option. Phase 3 of this project will eliminate 79 septic systems mostly west of Old Dixie Highway, which will result in a significant reduction in nutrient loading to the Indian River Lagoon.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	293,625
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	293,625

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	293,625	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	97,875	25%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	391,500	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	83,780		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.

Federal or state grants and local funds



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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.

The Town received \$319,545 in American Rescue Plan Act funding in 2021, which the Town's Board of Aldermen voted to use for designing Phase 1 of this septic-to-sewer project. That design is nearly complete.

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
 N/A

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
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	Design and permitting for Phase 3 of the Town's septic-to-sewer conversion project, which will serve the residential areas of the Town not served by Phases 1 or 2 .	293,625
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		293,625

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of the Town is to eliminate the use of septic tanks by July 1, 2030. With completion of this Phase 3 project, all properties in the Town will have access to a sewer force main. The Town's commercial corridor fronts U.S. Highway 1 and can be served by a Fort Pierce Utilities Authority 16-inch force main on the east side of US1.

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

The planning, design, and permitting of the third and final phase of the Town's septic-to-sewer conversion project for eventual elimination of septic tank use in the Town.

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

The ultimate direct service provided to the Town's citizens will be reliable sewer service that will be available after the pressure sewer system is designed, permitted, and constructed.

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

The target population served by this project is the Town residents primarily west of Old Dixie Highway. Of the 79 homes served by this project, only three are located east of Old Dixie Highway on the extreme south end of the Town. The population served by this Phase 3 sewer project is estimated at 180.

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

Completion of design and permitting for this project will allow pursuit of state and federal grants for construction of the project. Outside funding is needed to make the project affordable for the residents. That was evident in the failure of two previous attempts to utilize St. Lucie County's Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) process to construct a pressure sewer system in the Town. The MSBU process will be used to cover Phase 3 construction costs not covered by grants. Responses to petitions sent out for the MSBU will be used to determine resident support for the project and the Village Board's approval to proceed.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in funding being reimbursed to the state.

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)
- Local Entity



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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)
- 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?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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