



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3143

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Jay requests funding for engineering plans and construction of an additional sludge drying bed at our wastewater treatment plant. This additional drying bed will increase the capacity of sludge processing at the treatment plant. With the increased capacity, the town can initiate a septic to sewer program to increase our customer base and remove septic tank customers. The Town of Jay is working with Santa Rosa County on expanding our wastewater system as part of a greater county-wide Septic to Sewer project to help maintain a clean watershed in the northern portion of Santa Rosa County where the headwaters of the Pensacola Bay Watershed are initiated.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	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 2024-2025	400,000	100%

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.

American Rescue Plan Act \$317,541.00. These funds are allocated for the renovation of the Bray-Hendricks Park.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

September 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

May 2025

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.

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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		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	An engineering plan needs to be created. Construction is included in the project cost.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

14. Program Performance

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

The construction of an additional sludge drying bed will allow the Town of Jay to increase our Wastewater Treatment Plant waste processing capacity. With this increased capacity, the town will be able to expand our current sewer customer base with a septic to sewer initiative. Ultimately, this will reduce the amount of waste that is introduced into the northern Santa Rosa County watershed.

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



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The construction of an additional drying bed will make Jay's wastewater treatment plant more capable of processing increased waste demand in future years, reducing the amount of waste that is introduced into the watershed. The Town of Jay currently provides reliable wastewater services for 327 households and businesses with a forecast increase in population over the next five to ten years.

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

The construction of an additional sludge drying bed will increase our sewer treatment capacity. We will be able to increase our customer base by up to 40% with the more efficient waste processing. Additionally, a new septic to sewer initiative can be initiated to ultimately reduce the amount of waste that enters the northern Santa Rosa watershed.

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

The Town of Jay has a low to middle income percentage of over 50%. As we expand outside the town limits, those numbers increase. Senior residents on fixed incomes are included within that group. The Town estimates that up to an additional 130 residences can be added to our current customer base of 327 households and businesses. With an estimate of 2.5 persons per household, that is a total of over 1,100 Santa Rosa County residents served.

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

A cleaner watershed in Santa Rosa County will benefit from the expansion of the town's wastewater system as part of a greater county-wide Septic to Sewer project to help maintain a clean watershed in the northern portion of Santa Rosa County where the headwaters of the Pensacola Bay Watershed are initiated. The increased drying bed capacity is the first step in this process for the Town of Jay. The town submits quarterly waste monitoring well reports, those results can be tracked for reductions in contaminants.

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?

The town will work with our attorney to place more restrictive language in our construction contracts to firmly hold budgets and timelines on schedule.

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
- University or College



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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?