



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2105

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

CCUA's expansion of the Keystone Heights Water WRF will provide infrastructure to support development in and around the City of Keystone Heights area. CCUA also seeks to improve the level of treatment from a secondary level to an advanced level. The Keystone Heights WRF currently has a design treatment capacity of 70,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD). With evaluation and planning of upgrades, total WRF treatment capacity could reach up to 200,000 GPD.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,600,000	96%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	11,100,000	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.

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?

As soon as possible

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2026

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.

CCUA owns and operates the Keystone Heights Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). CCUA budgeted the total estimated cost of the facility expansion within CCUA's 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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	Allocated funds would be used to directly augment our evaluation, planning, and design phase for facility upgrades.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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CCUA's expansion of the Keystone Heights Water WRF will provide infrastructure to support development in and around the City of Keystone Heights in an environmentally sustainable way by evaluating technology to increase the level from a secondary treatment system to a more advanced treatment. The Keystone Heights WRF currently has a design treatment capacity of 70,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD). With evaluation and planning of upgrades, total WRF treatment capacity could reach 200,000 GPD.

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

Requested allocated funds would be used directly to assist in the evaluation, planning, and design of WRF expansion and upgrades.

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

The WRF facility upgrades will protect the environment and improve water quality by providing a higher level of treatment than the existing facility. Expanding the facility treatment capacity will support future conversions of residents from septic systems, directly improving nutrient impacts to surrounding water resources. An expanded WRF will also provide water reclamation services to support future areas of residential and commercial development in and around the Keystone Heights area.

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

The area in and around Keystone Heights has a population of roughly 15,000 people. The existing WRF serves 118 commercial and residential accounts equally 267 Equivalent Residential Connections (ERC). Expanding the WRF will serve roughly 1,000 ERCs resulting 733 additional homes connected to CCUA's centralized sewer system.

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

The WRF facility upgrades will provide a more advanced level of treatment of domestic wastewater to meet or exceed current regulatory standards. In addition, CCUA will be able to serve more homes currently supported by septic tanks. CCUA more advanced treatment levels and reduction in the homes with septic tanks will reduce nutrient loads being released to the environment.

CCUA will measure outcomes for this project by the nutrients removed during the treatment process (BOD, TSS, N, P) in accordance with the facility FDEP permit. CCUA will also identify the number of homes and businesses connected to the system annually.

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?

CCUA will work with the FDEP to provide contractual safeguards for performance of the work outlined in this request.

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) Independent 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)
- 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?

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