



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1760

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To assist customers with potential costs associated with decommissioning of existing septic tanks and subsequent connection to City sewer infrastructure for approximately 125-200 homes in the City of Homestead. This project will provide funding for property owners to abandon septic tank systems and connect to available sanitary sewer infrastructure for approximately 125-200 homes located in low to moderate income areas. Providing financial assistance for private side connections is the biggest barrier for property owners. This funding would complement the public laterals being installed by the City for properties with available and abutting sewer infrastructure.

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	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

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)	1,500,000	25%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	2,000,000	33%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,500,000	42%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>6,000,000</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.

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.

\$19,192,087 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for eligible uses.

## 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?

06/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2025

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.

Private property owners directly connected to the public sanitary sewer system.

### 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	Abandonment of septic systems and plumbing to connect to public sewer infrastructure	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Eliminate septic tanks to address the concerns of aging and failing septic tanks from discharging nutrients into the environment in the proposed project area, thus improving water quality. The project will protect the City's groundwater quality and supply by providing funding for property owners to abandon septic tank systems and connect to available sanitary sewer infrastructure for approximately 125-200 homes located in low to moderate income areas. Costs related to private side connections is the biggest barrier for property owners. This funding would complement the public laterals being installed by the City for properties with available and abutting sewer infrastructure.



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

The conversion of septic tanks to sewer lines for approximately 125-200 homes in the City of Homestead. The project will provide plumbing connections from public sewer infrastructure to individual properties. Once a property is connected to the sanitary sewer system, the septic tank will be properly abandoned.

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

This project will give residents access to sewer lines. Property owners will be provided the service of plumbing connections and septic tank abandonment.

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

This funding would support the private property connections in areas with a high density of unconnected and economically vulnerable properties for approximately 125-200 low- to moderate-income homes within the City of Homestead where the City is installing sewer laterals.

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

This project will have social, economic, and environmental benefits including reducing homeowner's costs, reduced impacts from septic systems compromised by rising groundwater including: Reduce nutrient effluent impacts on ground and surface waters; Reduce public health impacts from aging and failing septic systems that have the potential to cause sewer backups in homes, impacting health and property; Reduce risk of exposure to bacteria and pathogens in floodwaters in areas with saturated soil conditions. The outcome will be measured by number of homes converted to the sewer system.

**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 penalties for failing to meet deliverable or performance measures is the risk of not recovering reimbursement cost and potential delay in project progress.

**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?**