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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Lake Okeechobee/Treasure Island Septic to Sewer Infrastructure

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/09/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Removal of 2400 old and/or failing private septic tanks & failing package wastewater plants leaching septic effluent into Taylor Creek, Nubbin Slough, rim canal of Lake Okeechobee, Indian River Lagoon, Caloosahatchee River, Fort Myers Estuaries & into the Everglades Ecosystem. OUA has expended >\$1.4 million of in-house resources including property purchase, easement issues, preliminary engineering, permitting & design since 2008. Collection system requires piping, valves, collection tanks, vacuum/pump stations. Sanitary force main/pump station connecting collection system to regional treatment facility requires piping, valves, pump station, vacuum sewer system, sanitary force main/pump station. Residents & businesses wastewater to be collected & pumped to Regional Wastewater Plant via Eastside Forcemain for treatment & disposal includes keeping effluent away from the north rim of Lake Okeechobee. Augments U.S. EPA water quality rules & regs of FDEP & SFWMD.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Environmental Protection

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	3,500,000	3,500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	1,000,000	4.2%
Other	19,360,200	81.1%
TOTAL	20,360,200	85.3 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 23,860,200

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Goal is the removal of 2,400 old failing package plants and septic systems and adding to the regional wastewater treatment plant. Addresses permitting agencies regulations and State standards. Provides for the life, health and safety of residents and visitors.

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

Contractual engineering & construction services to construct the project as designed, including bidding, permitting, engineering during construction, project management, & construction observations.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual Construction and Engineering Services	23,860,200
TOTAL		23,860,200

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

When construction is completed, the project provides for improved life, health and safety by reducing pollutants entering wells, and State protected water resources.

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

The entire State through the protection of State endangered waters in the Lake Okeechobee and surrounding areas, visitors, residents in Okeechobee County and the overall environmental health of the State of Florida.

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

Expected benefit associated from the requested funds includes protection of life, public health and the environment, increased service, reliability, protection of State endangered waters (Taylor Creek, Nubbin Slough, Lake Okeechobee, Indian River Lagoon, Caloosahatchee River and the Fort Myers area Estuaries) due to improved water quality resulting from removing 2400 old and failing equipment and systems

g. 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 in the contract?

Non payment of invoices

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Okeechobee Utility Authority is the owner and the entity.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. **Name:** John Hayford

b. **Organization:** Okeechobee Utility Authority



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- c. **Email:** jhayford@ouafl.com
- d. **Phone Number:** [\(863\)763-9460](tel:(863)763-9460)

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** [Okeechobee Utility Authority](#)
- b. **County:** [Okeechobee](#)
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) [Special District](#)
- d. **Contact Name:** [John Hayford](#)
- e. **E-mail Address:** jhayford@ouafl.com
- f. **Phone Number:** [\(863\)763-9460](tel:(863)763-9460)

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** [Connie Vanassche](#)
- b. **Firm:** [CAS Governmental Services, LLC](#)
- c. **Email:** casgovser@gmail.com
- d. **Phone Number:** [\(561\)512-9008](tel:(561)512-9008)

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. 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)



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N/A

18. What is the status of construction?

Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2021