



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** City of Freeport WWTP Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) Rehabilitation

2. **Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/27/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) owned and operated by the City of Freeport is experiencing high levels of nitrate in the groundwater at the Rapid Infiltration Basin (RIB) locations. Also, the RIBs are not recovering as designed due to heavy vegetation, as well as sedimentation and sludge build-up. The rehabilitation would allow the RIBs to operate as permitted. The rehabbed basin areas would reduce nitrogen levels by providing a more efficient land application process. The City has been proactive by having a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed, which describes and documents the need for implementation of this project. The City is requesting funds for the design, permitting and construction of this project.

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
	427,662	427,662

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	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 427,662

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

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)



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- 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		
	A	B	C
	(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?

Funds will be spent to rehabilitate components of the Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) which is one of the processes of wastewater treatment. Also, this will address permit compliance issues the existing plant is experiencing due to the age of these components.

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

This project would provide a more efficient wastewater service to the citizen's of Freeport by allowing permit requirements to be met.

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		



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<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	Funds will be spent to rehabilitate the Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) and includes design, permitting and construction costs.	427,662
TOTAL		427,662

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

City maintained wastewater service.

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

The citizens of Freeport; >800.

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

Improved wastewater management and water quality would be measured by upgrading aging infrastructure which is causing permit compliance issues. Aging components, such as the RIBs, at the existing WWTP do not allow for quality wastewater effluent which could cause degraded groundwater and drinking water quality if the issue is not addressed. These successes would be measured by water quality analyses by a certified laboratory to determine the concentration of nitrates within the groundwater.

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?

The City will award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents will spell out liquidated damage costs for project overruns. The bid documents will also require the selected contractor to provide performance and payment bonds to the City.

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.

The City of Freeport; the owner and entity.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Russ Barley

b. Organization: City of Freeport



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- c. Email: rbarley@freeportflorida.gov
- d. Phone Number: [\(850\)835-2822](tel:(850)835-2822)

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization: [City of Freeport](#)
- b. County: [Walton](#)
- c. Organization Type:
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) [Local Government](#)
- d. Contact Name: [William Menadier](#)
- e. E-mail Address: wmenadier@dewberry.com
- f. Phone Number: [\(850\)571-1254](tel:(850)571-1254)

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

- a. Name: [None](#)
- b. Firm: [None](#)
- c. Email:
- d. Phone Number:

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?

None

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

None

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

None