



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** City of Freeport Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion

2. **Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/28/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The project includes upgrades and expansion of the existing wastewater treatment plant to provide a more reliable system and to provide for additional growth. The City has seen substantial growth for several years now. The existing plant is operating at 50% to 70% of its capacity, and is expected to be operating over capacity before 2021 which could lead to further degradation of the system. The City has been proactive by having a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed, which describes and documents the significant need for implementation of this project. Since planning activities for this project have been completed, the City is requesting funds for the survey, design and permitting of this project. This will complete the 2nd step of implementation for this project.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

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

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
	1,325,500	1,325,500

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):** 1,325,500

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- 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
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

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

Yes

- If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

Yes; \$13,255,000.00 for construction costs.

11. Program Performance:

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

The City of Freeport is experiencing rapid growth and the existing WWTP is reaching the end of its useful life. It is projected that the existing plant will be operating over capacity before 2021. The funds will be used to upgrade and expand the existing plant from 0.6 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.5 MGD and be expandable to 2.0 MGD. This will allow the plant to operate beyond 2040. Also, this will address permit compliance issues the existing plant is experiencing due to its age.

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

This project would allow for additional connections to the City's wastewater system for new residences and commercial businesses, existing businesses and residences that are currently not connected, and any industries planning to operate within the City of Freeport utility franchise area.

- How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<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		
<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 upgrade and expand components of the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This request includes the survey, design and permitting portion of the project.	1,325,500
TOTAL		1,325,500

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

City maintained wastewater service, and reuse irrigation.

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?

Increased and improved economic activity would be measured by new commercial and residential development, new mixed use developments and new industry being created due to additional capacity being provided and the ability for the City of expand its services beyond what is existing. The success of economic activity would be measured by population, commercial and industrial growth, as well as increased revenue for the City. Increased tourism would be measured by the City being an end destination for travelers. This success would be measured by an increase in services, such as food, lodging and retail facilities, as well as recreational businesses. After design and permitting activities are completed, immediate job creation would be provided by



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the construction of this project. The construction project would provide immediate job opportunities for the entire area due to the project requiring utility crews, and various types of construction crews to complete the project.

- 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
- c. **Email:** rbarley@freeportflorida.gov
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)835-2822

- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Freeport and Walton County
- 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

- 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



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- ☐ 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)
- ☒ N/A

18. What is the status of construction?

N/A

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

N/A

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

N/A