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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Blountstown - Wastewater Effluent Discharge

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/29/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The City of Blountstown is currently under a Consent Order, which addresses domestic wastewater issues related to the Blountstown wastewater treatment facility. It is imperative that the City completes this phase project to fulfill the Consent Order. This project includes upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment facility for land application of treated effluent which should improve surface water quality in Sutton Creek by removing the existing discharge point there.

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
	7,100,000	7,100,000

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)	700,000	7.6%
Local	200,000	2.2%
Other	1,200,000	13.0%
TOTAL	2,100,000	22.8 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 9,200,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 2

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
 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:		1,500,000	1,500,000

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?

The purpose of this project is the implementation of land application system for Blountstown WWTP. This will also satisfy the requirements of an existing Consent Order and improve surface water quality in Sutton Creek, a tributary of the Apalachicola River.

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

These funds will allow for land acquisition, design, and construction of a effluent land application system for the City of Blountstown's WWTP. This will allow the City to meet the stipulations of the Consent Order from FDEP to eliminate their existing surface water discharge of effluent to Sutton Creek.

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		



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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	Renovation: Construction/Renovation/Land / Planning Engineering Land acquisition, design, and construction of land application system	7,100,000
TOTAL		7,100,000

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

This project will eliminate surface water discharge to Sutton Creek, a tributary of the Apalachicola River. This should decrease local surface water quality issues associated with the existing WWTP discharge.

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

This project will provide benefits to the general population of the City of Blountstown as well as any other individuals who utilize the Apalachicola River. The City services approximately 2,800 people with sewer.

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

It is expected that this project will improve surface water quality by removing the existing outfall to Sutton Creek. This outcome can be measured by surface water sampling.

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 of Blountstown is currently under a Consent Order from FDEP to remove the surface water discharge from the WWTP and instead utilize a land application system.

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.

City of Blountstown would receive the funds. They own and operate the existing facility and would own and operate the proposed facility as well.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Traci Hall



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- b. **Organization:** City of Blountstown
- c. **Email:** thall@blountstown.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)674-5488

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Blountstown
- b. **County:** Calhoun
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Traci Hall
- e. **E-mail Address:** thall@blountstown.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)674-5488

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

- a. **Name:** Patrick Bell
- b. **Firm:** Capitol Solutions
- c. **Email:** pbell@capitolsolutions.biz
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)544-0784

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?

Planning phase

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2020