**Project Title**: Freeport U.S. Hwy. 331 South Water and Sewer Utility Improvements

**Senate Sponsor**: George Gainer

**Date of Request**: 01/03/2020

**Project/Program Description**
This project is part of an ongoing utility infrastructure phased plan developed in 2016 by Freeport and has been Freeport's top priority project. This project will provide water and sewer capacity along U.S. 331 South from Riverwalk Blvd. to County Road 3280 (segments 3 & 4 on attached plan) to support all current and future water and sewer utility demands and provide the opportunity for development, job creation, and the creation of tax and utility revenues for the City and Walton County.

**State Agency to receive requested funds**: Department of Environmental Protection

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<th>State Agency contacted?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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**Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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<th>Type of Funding</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Operations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed Capital Outlay</td>
<td>5,500,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total State Funds Requested</strong></td>
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**Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

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<th>Type of Funding</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)</td>
<td>5500000</td>
<td>100.0 %</td>
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<td><strong>Matching Funds</strong></td>
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<td>Federal</td>
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<td>State (excluding the amount of this request)</td>
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<td>Local</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</strong></td>
<td>5,500,000</td>
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**Has this project previously received state funding?**
- **Yes**
- **No**

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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<th>Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Specific Appropriation #</th>
<th>Vetoed</th>
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<td>Recurring</td>
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**Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**
- **Yes**
- **No**

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

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<th>Spending Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td><strong>Administrative Costs:</strong></td>
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<td>Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Other Salary and Benefits</td>
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<td><strong>Operational Costs: Other</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</strong></td>
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<td>Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering</td>
<td>Design and construction to provide water and sewer capacity along U.S. 331South from Riverwalk Blvd. to C.R. 3280.</td>
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11. **Program Performance**
   a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

   This project is part of an ongoing utility infrastructure phased plan developed in 2016 by Freeport and has been Freeport's top priority project. This project will provide water and sewer capacity along U.S. 331 South from Riverwalk Blvd. to County Road 3280 (segments 3 & 4 on attached plan) to support all current and future water and sewer utility demands and provide the opportunity for development, job creation, and the creation of tax and utility revenues for the City and Walton County.

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

   Design and construction of water and sewer mains utilities and lift stations.

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

   Improved water pressure and availability as well as sewer capacity for existing development and property owners looking to develop where water and sewer utilities are currently unavailable.

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

   All users in City of Freeport utility franchise area, residents and property owners in Walton County as well as visitors; greater than 8,000 people.

   
   e. 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 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.

   
   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 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 and a 10% retainer will be withheld until all issues are corrected.
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12. **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.**

The City of Freeport; the owner and entity.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**
   
a. **First Name** Russ
   
b. **Organization** Mayor, City of Freeport
   
c. **E-mail Address** rbarley@freeportflorida.gov
   
d. **Phone Number** (850)835-2822

14. **Recipient Contact Information**
   
a. **Organization** City of Freeport
   
b. **Municipality and County** Walton
   
c. **Organization Type**
      - [ ] For-profit Entity
      - [ ] Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
      - [ ] Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
      - [ ] Local Entity
      - [ ] University or College
      - [x] Other (please specify) Local Government
   
d. **First Name** Alex
   
e. **E-mail Address** arouchaleau@dewberry.com
   
f. **Phone Number** (850)5711255

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**
   
a. **Name** Tim Parson
   
b. **Firm Name** Liberty Partners
   
c. **E-mail Address** tim@libertypartnersfl.com
   
d. **Phone Number** (850)9102678
Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?
   - Waste Water Revolving Loan
   - Drinking Water Revolving Loan
   - Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
   - Other (please specify) [ ]
   - [x] N/A

17. What is the population economic status?
   - Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)
   - Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)
   - [x] Rural Area of Economic Concern
   - [x] Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
   - [x] N/A

18. What is the status of construction?
   - Not ready

19. What percentage of the construction has been completed?
   - 0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
   - 06/01/2021

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.