



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2518

1. **Project Title** Lee County Wastewater Treatment Master Plan

2. **Senate Sponsor** Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Request** 01/23/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

Lee County wishes to collaboratively develop and implement a comprehensive plan for affordable, reliable and efficient collection and treatment systems to provide strong infrastructure for sustainable communities. The goal is to create a Master Plan that will provide a road map for: 1) Recommending cost-effective projects that improve property values while minimizing capital, operating and maintenance costs, to include septic-to-sewer conversion. Prioritize and focus on high risk/environmentally sensitive areas. 2) Maintaining existing communities and handling future development growth and 3) Prioritizing opportunities to reduce nutrient loading into our waterways.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750000	100.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contract with professional consultant to provide Master Plan services	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

The Master Plan will provide a comprehensive analysis of the County's existing wastewater collection system, wastewater treatment facilities, wastewater flows, and customers. The Plan will evaluate the number of on-site septic systems and future population projection demands in order to provide a list of capital improvement projects to support a septic-to-sewer conversion. The result will include a priority matrix to drive the schedule of improvement projects with recommendations from the project consultant.

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

Funds will enable us to contract for Professional Services for the study and its deliverables.

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

The Plan is intended to lead to projects that will reduce nutrient pollution into the impaired waters of Lee County, helping the County contribute to a larger regional effort to reduce nutrient runoff into the region's waters.

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

Besides Lee County Utilities' existing wastewater customers and potentially new wastewater customers, all residents of Lee County (current population 750,000) will benefit from the Master Plan by cleaner waterways from reduced nutrient loading through the elimination of on-site septic systems, creating a regional benefit. The Master Plan will also promote the longevity and resilience of the collection system and wastewater treatment plants.

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

The outcome from the Plan will be a list of priorities and recommendations on how to address ongoing wastewater challenges, including different methods for septic-to-sewer conversion, estimated costs for capital projects, and possible funding sources for the projects.

- 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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures will result in funds being returned to the State.



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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.

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13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
  - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☒ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.



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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

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Waste Water Revolving Loan

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Drinking Water Revolving Loan

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Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

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Other (please specify)

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N/A

17. **What is the population economic status?**

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Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)

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Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.)

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Rural Area of Economic Concern

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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

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N/A

18. **What is the status of construction?**

N/A - Professional Services

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

N/A

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

N/A

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