



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1646

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Construct the second (Area "B") of a three phase septic to sewer program to eliminate groundwater and surface water pollution from septic tank drainfields. The subject area is immediately adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico in a highly-visited, beach-centric tourism destination. Existing homes in the area rely on septic systems for sanitary waste needs and are immediately adjacent to a likely antecedent coastal dune lake and Gulf of Mexico.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	3,000,000	40%
Local	1,500,000	20%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	300,000	225	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

N/A. 1-3M requested after 2023-24 over the next 5 years.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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The City received \$150,000 from the CARES Act which reimbursed out-of-pocket expenditures related to the response to the pandemic such as legal time, masks, temperature scanners, etc. Additionally, the City has received public safety grants for the purchase of ATVs, UTVs, and smart boards in the amount of \$115,000. Finally, Panama City Beach has received the first half of the American Infrastructure Funds totaling \$3,151,120 which will likely be spent on utility infrastructure projects.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	NA	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Construct the second (Area "B") of a three phase septic to sewer program to eliminate groundwater and surface water pollution from septic tank drainfields. The subject area is immediately adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico in a highly-visited, beach-centric tourism destination. Existing homes in the area rely on septic systems for sanitary waste needs and are immediately adjacent to a likely antecedent coastal dune lake and Gulf of Mexico.



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

Construction of septic to sewer system to eliminate groundwater and surface water pollution from septic tank drainfields. Improved/preserved water quality of the Gulf of Mexico enhances tourism and fishing activity through reductions in the severity and duration of algal blooms and red tide events. Improved/protected water quality of Gulf of Mexico facilitates tourism and would help eliminate algal blooms and associated issues.

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

Lower bacterial and nutrient levels in neighboring water bodies. Existing homes in the area rely on septic systems for sanitary waste needs and are immediately adjacent to a likely antecedent coastal dune lake and Gulf of Mexico. Elimination of nutrient loadings and reductions in bacterial inputs currently going to groundwater.

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

General population (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group).

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

Reductions in nutrients and bacterial contamination in nearby surface water. Sampling and monitoring total phosphorus and nitrogen in the neighboring surface waters and groundwater. Sampling for E coli counts in these two water bodies as well. Reduce eutrophication of neighboring coastal dune lake. Turbidity monitoring and algal sampling.

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 the contract?

The State of Florida reserves the right to withhold payment if the Grantee fails to perform/comply with provisions of this Agreement. If Grantee fails to correct all deficiencies in a rejected deliverable within the specified timeframe, FDEP may request that the Grantee submit a proposed Corrective Action Plan (CAP) specifying the outstanding deficiencies. CAPs must be implemented in no more than sixty (60) calendar days, subject to FDEP regulations.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) Septic to sewer conversion.
- N/A

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?