



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1653

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The conversion of failing and even operational septic sewers to City sewer will reduce additional non-point pollution from entering the ground and surface waters. This seepage from the septic tanks into the St Johns River, impaired water body and an American Heritage River listed in 2008 as the 6th most environmentally endangered river in America, would increase water quality. In addition, better utilization of treatment system capacity results in fiscal efficiencies resulting in lower future rates for the community.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 185,991 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,293,891 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,479,882 |

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) | 2,479,882 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 2,479,882 | 100% |

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

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

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

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

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

The City is actively seeking grant opportunities.

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

Yes



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

\$499,397.27 as a pass through from Putnam County. Used for Public Safety Personnel Costs; Employee leave due to Covid; telecommunications system and Commission Chamber Infrastructure to facilitate remote working, governmental business and public meetings; and PPE. \$5,234,421 in ARPA funding, \$2.69 million of this was allocated toward potable water; the remainder is PPE; Emergency Responder Communication Equipment; broadband; public educational; as well as health and safety programs.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2024

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.

The Project is on public Right of Way

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 | Engineering Consultants for Design and Bidding Services | 185,991 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Construction and Construction Observation and Inspection | 2,293,891 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,479,882 |

14. Program Performance

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



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

Construction of a lift station and gravity sewer main to connect homes currently on septic tank systems.

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

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

The main beneficiaries is the target population is the City of Palatka. The City has a population of 10,558 according to the 2010 census of predominantly low moderate income individuals and families. However, the improvements to the water quality of the St Johns River will benefit all the communities and residents along the River as it flows north through Clay and Duval Counties to the Atlantic Ocean.

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

The conversion of failing and even operational septic sewers to City sewer will reduce additional non-point pollution from entering the groundwater and surface waters. Without funding the financial barriers to the customer are too great. The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is operating at 50% capacity. Under current conditions this leaves approximately 750,000 million gallons per day in additional capacity without triggering planning for a new plant. Meaning the plant and collection systems have unused capacity that would not result in a dollar for dollar increase to operating costs. Taking on additional users would result in mitigating future rate increases for existing customers, as well as, environmental benefits to our Community.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- 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)
- 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?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2024