



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2098

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Citrus County recently commissioned their new Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) facility, the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility (SWRWRF). The facility is located approximately 3.9 miles from the Chassahowitzka spring head, a first magnitude spring, and is in the priority focus area of the Chassahowitzka/Homosassa BMAP. The SWRWRF was designed and constructed to provide public-access reuse-quality effluent. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional improvements at the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility so that the high quality reclaimed water produced at the plant can be made available for beneficial reuse. The necessary improvements include a one-million gallon ground storage tank, a high service pump station, a booster pump station at the Sugarmill Woods Golf Course, four miles of reclaimed water transmission main to connect from the plant site to the golf course irrigation system, and associated instrumentation and control systems.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,981,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,981,000

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)	3,981,000	42%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,435,000	36%
Other	2,084,000	22%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	9,500,000	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? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



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

Yes

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

Citrus County received \$28 million of ARPA funding to assist with water and sewer infrastructure projects. The projects identified under the County ARPA program are eligible projects include building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, and supporting the consolidation or establishment of drinking water systems.

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.

Citrus County, Florida and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection are currently working together on Springs Initiative goal specific projects that are either in the design phase or the construction phase. These projects are concurrent with the goals set forth in the Chassahowitzka/Homosassa BMAP of reducing nutrient loading to the groundwater and surface waters associated with the first magnitude springs.

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	The RCW system expansion, includes construction of the 1-MG ground storage tank (GST), high-service pumping station (HSPS), RCW transmission piping, and an RCW booster pumping station (BPS) to meet the pressure requirements at the Sugarmill Woods Golf Course.	3,981,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	3,981,000
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14. Program Performance

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

This project is part of a continuing effort conducted by FDEP and SWFWMD to restore and increase the spring flow into the Homosassa Springsheds by reducing the amount of groundwater pumping that causes stress on our natural freshwater resource as well as reducing the amount of nutrient pollution entering the springsheds. As part of the 2016 Florida Statutes chapter 373-Water Resources Part II-Permitting of Consumptive Uses of Water, 373.250 Paragraph (1)(a)(b), "The encouragement and promotion of water conservation and reuse of reclaimed water are state objectives and considered to be in the public interest. In addition, the proposed project is consistent with the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act.

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

The permitting, design and construction of a central wastewater collection system made available to the residents in the project area.

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

Consolidate the County's reclaimed water system, restore and increase water flow into homosassa, and reduce the amount of nutrient pollution entering homosassa.

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

The project will serve the many residents as well as the tourists that enjoy the natural beauty of the many springs that are located in the Citrus County community.

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

The project will provide for reduction in nutrient loading to environmentally sensitive springs and Coastal Rivers. The effluent of the reclaim water effluent will have TN levels of 3 mg/l or less. For groundwater quality and surface water quality, the project will reduce groundwater pumpage by substituting high quality reclaim water for existing groundwater usage.

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?

A financial penalty will be considered when failure to meet contract deliverables.

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



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- 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

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)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?



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21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?