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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Hardee County Regional Wastewater Service Improvements, Phase 6

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/09/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project provides for plant support facilities to extend wastewater lines to include nitrate impacted homes and to remove the (23) private septic systems contributing to nitrates in the residential area of Wauchula Hills affecting approximately 400 to 600 homes. The families living here are economically depressed and the median household income is greatly below State averages, low and low-to-moderate incomes. The project protects public health, and the environment by providing clean safe waters eliminating area hazardous leaking septic systems by providing central sewer for existing and new homes and enterprises along and adjacent to US 17 corridor for health, safety and water protection. The project addresses FDEP requirements to reduce nitrate levels in residential wells, augments & supports SWFWMD water quality standards for the Peace River Basin & Charlotte Harbor Estuary and includes 100% effluent reuse. The project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Environmental Protection

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	910,000	910,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 910,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 4
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		500,000	500,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Provide improved life, health, and safety to Wauchula Hills by removing 23 old failing septic systems leaching nitrate contaminants into wells and treatment of wastewater effluent; eliminate reliance within the region the use of individual systems where waters are made hazardous with existing old, failing septic systems. Addressing permitting agencies regulations, Health Dept. citations, and protection of State water resources-Peace River Estuary. 100% effluent reuse. Improved economic activity, wastewater management, ground & surface water quality. Protection of general public, improved health and environment.

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

Contractual engineering services, bidding, project management and construction services to construct the project as designed

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual Engineering and Construction Services	910,000
TOTAL		910,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Improved life, health and safety with the removal of 23 old failing septic systems, leaching into wells. Provide for clean, safe potable water and effluent treatment in a regional system with 100% reuse.

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

The State, visitors, residents of Hardee County and surrounding area within the Peace River Basin and Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

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

Addressing nitrate health citations, permitting agencies regulations, protection of State endangered waters by adding approximately 23 connections to the central public system will reduce nitrate levels in residential wells and eliminates reliance within the region the use of individual home systems where waters are made hazardous from failing/leaking septic systems. 100% effluent reuse. Improved economic activity, wastewater management, improved ground & surface water quality. Protection of general public, improved health and environment

g. 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?

Non payment of invoices

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Hardee County is the owner and the entity.



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13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Lexton Albritton, Jr.
- b. **Organization:** Hardee County Board of County Commissioners
- c. **Email:** Lex.albritton@hardeecounty.net
- d. **Phone Number:** (863)773-9430

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Hardee County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Hardee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Lexton Albritton, Jr.
- e. **E-mail Address:** Lex.albritton@hardeecounty.net
- f. **Phone Number:** (863)773-9430

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** Connie Vanassche
- b. **Firm:** CAS Governmental Services, LLC
- c. **Email:** casgovser@gmail.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (561)512-0089

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe): SHIP
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (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)

N/A

18. What is the status of construction?

Not Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/19