



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2055

1. **Title of Project:** Tavares - Stormwater Upgrade

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Design, and permit an extension to the downtown storm water conveyance and treatment system that will alleviate flooding, improve water quality and enable economic investment and growth of the region. The project will focus on the downtown region between North St. Clair Abrams Avenue and North Sinclair Avenue.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	825,000
Total State Funds Requested	825,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	825,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	825,000	100.0%

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

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

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Design, Engineering and permitting of collection storm water system.	825,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		825,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Design, and permit an extension to the downtown storm water conveyance and treatment system that will alleviate flooding, improve water quality and enable economic investment and growth of the region. The project will focus on the downtown region between N. St. Clair Abrams Avenue and N Sinclair Ave. The high school in area gets flooded due to the age and inadequate system, so this will alleviate the flooding in the school.

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

Design, and permit an extension to the downtown storm water conveyance and treatment system that will alleviate flooding, improve water quality and enable economic investment and growth of the region. The project will focus on the downtown region between N. St. Clair Abrams Avenue and N Sinclair Ave.

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

Installation of a municipal stormwater collection system that will alleviate flooding, improve water quality and enable economic investment and growth of the region. It will also lower the TMDL's in the Chain of Lakes in Central Florida.

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

The City of Tavares and its visitors. There are approximately 18,000 residents and thousands of unique visitors. The downtown district is a vibrant place with a new hotel, a marina and seaplane base, a popular splash park, an event pavilion, new restaurants, and a train depot that offers locomotive rides for tourists.

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

Improved water quality in Lake Dora and the downstream Harris Chain of Lakes that will be measured by short and long term monitoring. Additionally, several developers and businesses have expressed interest in building and redeveloping the downtown corridor. Without addressing the flooding issues, further development is unlikely.



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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?

Legal penalties can be included in the contract, including benchmarks in the payment schedule to ensure compliance.

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.

City of Tavares

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Woodard & Curran
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- d. **Phone Number:** (617)877-4936

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Tavares
- b. **County:** Lake
- 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:** John Drury
- e. **E-mail Address:** jdrury@tavares.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (352)742-6209

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Christopher Dawson
- b. **Firm Name:** Gray-Robinson
- c. **E-mail Address:** Chris.Dawson@Gray-Robinson.com
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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan



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Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

Other (Please describe)

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

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? 2022