



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2102

1. **Title of Project:** Blountstown Wastewater Effluent Discharge

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

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

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The City of Blountstown is currently under a Consent Order and Administrative Order which address domestic wastewater issues related to the Blountstown Wastewater Treatment Facility. It is imperative that the City completes this project to fulfill the requirements of the Consent and Administrative Orders. This project includes upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment facility for land application of treated effluent which should improve surface water quality in Sutton Creek by removing the existing discharge point.

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	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	87.7%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	700,000	4.1%
Local	200,000	1.2%
Other	1,200,000	7.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	17,100,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		1,500,000		Yes

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		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land acquisition, design, and construction of land application system	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of this project is the implementation of a land application system for Blountstown WWTP. This will also satisfy the requirements of the existing Consent and Administrative Orders and improve surface water quality in Sutton Creek, a tributary of the Apalachicola River.

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

These funds will allow for land acquisition, design, and construction of an effluent land application system for the City of Blountstown's WWTP. This will allow the City to meet the stipulations of the Consent and Administrative Orders from FDEP to eliminate their existing surface water discharge of treated effluent to Sutton Creek, a tributary of the Apalachicola River.

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

This project will eliminate surface water discharge to Sutton Creek, a tributary of the Apalachicola River. This should decrease local surface water quality issues associated with the existing effluent discharge to Sutton Creek.

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

This project should provide benefits to the general population of the City of Blountstown as well as any other individuals who utilize the Apalachicola River. The City services approximately 2,800 people with sewer.

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

It is expected that this project will improve surface water quality by removing the existing outfall to Sutton Creek. This outcome can be measured by surface water 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 in the contract?



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The City of Blountstown is currently under a Consent Order from FDEP to remove the surface water discharge from the WWTP and instead utilize a land application system.

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.

The City of Blountstown would receive the funds. They own and operate the existing facility and would own and operate the proposed facility as well.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Traci Hall
- b. **Organization:** City of Blountstown
- c. **E-mail Address:** thall@blountstown.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)674-5488

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Blountstown
- b. **County:** Calhoun
- 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:** Traci Hall
- e. **E-mail Address:** thall@blountstown.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)674-5488

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Patrick Bell
- b. **Firm Name:** Capitol Solutions
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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
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant



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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? In planning phase

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2021