



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2129

**1. Title of Project:** Wakulla County Septic-to-Sewer Wakulla Gardens

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

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

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Wakulla County is seeking funds to continue its multi-year phased approach to expanding central sewer into properties located in the Wakulla Springs Basis PFA 1 and 2. Funding requested this year would be used for engineering services, construction and connections to central sewer for up to 200 properties as well as the abatement of the on-site septic systems in the what is known as the Wakulla Gardens Phase III A-B of this septic-to-sewer project.

The project is to improve water quality in the Wakulla Springs Springshed. It is an approved project in the Wakulla Springs BMAP and SWIM plan. This project began in 2015-16 with the first Springs Protection appropriation. County agreements are with the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,800,000</b>

**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)	5,800,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>5,800,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18				No

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



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- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 5000000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering services for design, permitting, procurement assistance and construction inspection/oversight; construction of sewer lines and connections to properties; and abatement of on-site septic systems.	5,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,800,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The purpose/goal is to improve water quality in the Wakulla Springs Basin by reducing nitrogen loading from on-site septic systems in the area.

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

The County would construct and provide central sewer to approximately 200 properties in the project area as well as the abatement of the existing on-site septic system.

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

Same as above.

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

The targeted population is all citizens and visitors to the County. The direct number of citizens to be served with this project is the estimated 200 properties that will be connected to central sewer.

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



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The benefit will be improved water quality in the Wakulla Spring springshed. Success will be measured by using Department of Environmental Services approved metrics for nitrogen reduction per removal of an on-site septic system and periodic water quality testing conducted by various state agencies.

- 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?**

Deobligation or repayment of funds.

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.**

Wakulla County would be the recipient of the funds. Wakulla County would own and maintain the central sewer lines and lift stations. Property owners own the lines and the connection on their property. Access and ownership agreements are signed with all property owners in advance of construction.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Sheree Keeler
- b. **Organization:** Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners
- c. **E-mail Address:** skeeler@mywakulla.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)926-0917 Ext. 705

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Wakulla
- 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:** Sheree Keeler
- e. **E-mail Address:** skeeler@mywakulla.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)926-0919

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**



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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
- 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?** Pending funds for design and permitting.

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

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** .