



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1428

1. **Project Title** Blountstown Groundwater Recharge Constructed Wetlands

2. **Senate Sponsor** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Request** 10/30/2019

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 ☐ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,744,500
Total State Funds Requested	4,744,500

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,744,500	77.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,450,000	23 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	6,194,500	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	00	700,000	LP0701	No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
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	4,744,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,744,500



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11. Program Performance

- a. What specific purpose or goal 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 activities and services 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 direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation 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?

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.



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12. **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.**

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. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☐ 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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **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

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?**

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

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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.