1. Project Title
Okeechobee Utility Authority Southwest Wastewater Service Area

2. Senate Sponsor
Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request
11/07/2019

4. Project/Program Description
Addresses public health & environmental concerns as severe flooding from rainfalls in this area compromise drain fields, where citizens experience constant failure of aging septic systems where the effluent leaches back into homes & into the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin, creating a serious health hazard for pets, children, residents & visitors. Project includes construction of the vacuum collection/ gravity sewer system in the Southwest Wastewater Service Area that eliminates 738 aging and/or failing existing septic systems as part of the overall system. Project’s location makes these improvements extremely vital to clean-up efforts of the Northern Everglades Ecosystem, Lake Okeechobee Watershed, Florida Everglades Ecosystem & augments US EPA water quality rules & plans of FDEP & is in accordance with Florida Amendment 1 cleanup, restoration & protection policies. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements needed to prevent harmful algal blooms. Submitted to FDEP BMAP Update.

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

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<td>Fixed Capital Outlay</td>
<td>2,500,000</td>
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Total State Funds Requested  2,500,000

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

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<td>State (excluding the amount of this request)</td>
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<td>Local</td>
<td>5,450,000</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</td>
<td>13,950,000</td>
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8. Has this project previously received state funding?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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<th>Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)</th>
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<td>2018-19</td>
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<td>523,867</td>
<td>1136</td>
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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

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**Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)** | 2,500,000 |
11. Program Performance

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

Goal is to construct the vacuum collection/gravity sewer system in the Southwest Wastewater Service Area that includes eliminating 738 aging, failing existing septic systems & reduce flooding. Purpose is to protect & improve life, health, safety & the environment by addressing old/failing drain fields due to severe flooding from rainfalls creating a potential public health threat. The project's location is extremely vital to clean-up efforts of the Northern Everglades Ecosystem, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Florida Everglades Ecosystem. Augments U.S. EPA water quality rules and regulations of FDEP. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements to help prevent harmful algal blooms.

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

Contractual construction services for the removal from service 738 aging, failing existing septic systems; to construct new wastewater collection infrastructure/sanitary forcemain as designed including connections to the regional wastewater system.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Once constructed, the wastewater collection/pumping system will provide for improved life, health & safety of the citizenry, children, and pets with improved water quality/quantity, reliable service, improved environment with reduction of pollutants entering State protected water resources. Connections to the piping system will be encouraged by other wastewater generators along the pipeline route.

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

The State through the protection of waters of the State in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas. Additional benefits in increased levels of service expected by visitors and residents of Okeechobee County.

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

Expected results & benefits associated from the requested funds include protection of life, public health, the environment, increased service, reliability, protection of State endangered waters (Lake Okeechobee & Kissimmee River) due to improved water quality resulting from the removal/replacement of the existing old/failing wastewater package plant/infrastructure & constructing new wastewater infrastructure/sanitary forcemain. This project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity. Nutrient reductions are one of the key elements to help prevent harmful algal blooms. Projected estimated to remove, per year, 6.7 tons nitrogen & 1.6 tons phosphorus. Project submitted to FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP update.

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?

Non-payment of outstanding invoices, implementation of the corrective action plan, invoking the public construction bond or performance bond.
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 Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity requesting the funding and is the owner of the facility receiving the funding benefit.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**
   a. First Name: Steven  
   b. Organization: Okeechobee Utility Authority  
   c. E-mail Address: khamblen@ouafl.com  
   d. Phone Number: (863)763-9460  

14. **Recipient Contact Information**
   a. Organization: Okeechobee Utility Authority  
   b. Municipality and County: Okeechobee  
   c. Organization Type:
      - [ ] For-profit Entity  
      - [ ] Non-Profit 501(c) (3)  
      - [ ] Non-Profit 501(c) (4)  
      - [ ] Local Entity  
      - [ ] University or College  
      - [x] Other (please specify) Independent Special District  
   d. First Name: John  
   e. E-mail Address: jhayford@ouafl.com  
   f. Phone Number: (863)7639460  

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**
   a. Name: Connie Vanassche  
   b. Firm Name: CAS Governmental Services, LLC  
   c. E-mail Address: ccvgovser@gmail.com  
   d. Phone Number: (561)5120089
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) possibly SRF or USDA in the future
   
17. What is the population economic status?
   - Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.
   - Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.
   - 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 the construction has been completed?
   0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
   12/31/2022

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