



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1759

1. **Project Title** Okeechobee Utility Authority Pine Ridge Park Septic to Sewer2. **Senate Sponsor** Ben Albritton3. **Date of Request** 11/07/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Removal of 80 old/failing system tank systems that are in a low, flat & poorly drained area where septic drain fields are compromised when the area is wet & to construct water mains in the area & fire hydrants for fire protection. The eastern area properties don't have a community potable water system & rely on wells for potable water that are in close proximity to septic tank drain fields & public health becomes a serious issue. Improvements provide for increased service, reliability & protection of State Waters with reduction of pollutants entering Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & Estuary. It's estimated that per year, 0.75 tons of nitrogen & 0.25 tons of phosphorus will be removed from 80 old/failing septic tanks/systems with the connection to a centralized wastewater treatment system. The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) has been addressing this system since a Court Order assigned the abandoned utility to the OUA. Submitted to FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP update.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental ProtectionState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

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)	1250000	83.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	250,000	17 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,500,000	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		
2016-17	00	350,000	1600A	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	Contractual engineering design, permitting, construction, and construction services/inspections	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,250,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Protection of public health & the environment, increased level of acceptable service, reliability, fire protection, protection of State endangered waters (Taylor Creek, Nubbin Slough, Lake Okeechobee Estuaries) due to improved water quality resulting from removing 80 old & failing septic equipment/systems; removal of potential nutrient loads to reduce the potential for harmful blue-green algal blooms. It is estimated that per year, 0.75 tons of nitrogen & 0.25 tons of phosphorus will be removed from 80 old, failing septic tanks/systems.
with the connection to the centralized wastewater treatment system.

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

Contractual engineering services for design, permitting, construction and construction services/ inspections. Construction activities to build the water & wastewater infrastructure to allow for the removal from service up to 80 septic tank systems and installation of the water system & fire hydrants will provide for fire protection & reduce fire insurance premiums.

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

Improved, life, health & safety of citizenry with improved water quality/quantity, reliable service, fire protection, improved environment with reduction of pollutants entering State protected water resources. It is estimated that per year, 0.75 tons of nitrogen & 0.25 tons of phosphorus will be removed from 80 old, failing septic tanks/systems
with the connection to the centralized wastewater treatment system.

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

Eighty properties will receive a direct benefits, these properties provide homes to approximately 240 people.

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

The expected benefit is a reduction in nutrient loading to State Waters. It is estimated that per year, 0.75 tons of nitrogen & 0.25 tons of phosphorus will be removed from 80 old, failing septic tanks/systems with the connection to the centralized wastewater treatment system. Additionally, there is an improvement to the quality of life & immediate health benefits to those people living in the homes benefiting from this project that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity. 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



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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 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 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.