



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1858

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Weeki Wachee Springs is an outstanding Florida spring that is a major attraction and destination for nearly 400,000 visitors every year. The spring is currently impaired for nitrate and the concentrations have been steadily increasing over the last several decades. As a result, the spring has experienced degradation in water quality and clarity through the growth of unwanted algae and this has subsequently led to other negative impacts to the sensitive aquatic ecosystem.

As part of the Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) for Weeki Wachee Springs, there is an imposed limit on the effluent concentration of nitrogen released from a wastewater reclamation facility (WRF) to be no more than 3 milligrams per liter. This project will design, permit, and construct necessary upgrades to the Glen WRF with the treatment processes necessary to achieve the effluent limit of 3mg/l total nitrogen.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="3,000,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="3000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="60.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="40"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	5,000,000	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		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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	Professional services, design and construction.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The Glen WRF is located in the Weeki Wachee BMAP. This project will result in reduced discharge of total nitrogen into the aquifer from the WRF.

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

Design and construct wastewater treatment plant assets necessary to achieve 3 milligrams/liter (mg/l) reclaimed water limit at the Glen Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). This level of treatment is required by the Weeki Wachee BMAP.

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

This project will provide citizens with improved water quality in the Floridan aquifer and in the Weeki Wachee Springs and River.

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

Local citizens and tourists who visit Weeki Wachee Springs and River. Greater than 500,000 individuals will be served by improved water quality. Weeki Wachee State park had 384,723 visitors in FY 2015.

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

The benefit of this project is improved quality of ground water, springs, and river water. The first level of verification of outcome will be sampling at the WRF demonstrating reduced TN discharged to the aquifer. Gradually, FDEP monitoring of water quality in the Weeki Wachee system will demonstrate a reduction of TN.

- 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?

In addition to penalties already set up in the Florida Administrative Code for non-compliance with permit conditions, the agency may withhold funding if the project is not completed.



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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.**

Local government, Hernando County Utilities Department.

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.