



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2237

1. **Project Title** Gainesville Low-Income Neighborhood Septic-to-Sewer Water Quality Improvements

2. **Senate Sponsor** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Request** 01/07/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

The project will assist individuals and their families, who are either low-income or elderly, and do not have the affordable means to replace their septic systems to the City's sewer system which ultimately can cause environmental harm to the City's water infrastructure. This project lines up with the governor's recent encouragement for the state, at-large, to look at failing septic systems in order to improve and protect water quality infrastructure. The request has a 50% local commitment in order to invest locally in better assisting those individuals and their families who do not have the affordable means to replace their own septic systems.

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	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	250000	50.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	250,000	50 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	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		

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 250,000



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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	Planning, engineering, and costs for replacing current septic tank systems and connecting lower-income homes to existing municipal sewer lines.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The goal for this project is to assist those individuals and their families, who are either low-income or elderly , and do not have the affordable means to replace their septic systems to the City's sewer system which ultimately can cause environmental harm to the City's water infrastructure.

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

Identifying low-income and elderly residents who reside in targeted neighborhoods to provide septic-to-sewer conversions for their homes through the augmentation of the existing City's ConnectFree program.

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

A particular need exists to provide resources for low-income and elderly residents who cannot afford the replacement of aging septic systems in their respective neighborhoods. The City has been making an investment and with a match from the state, it can further its reach to better improve and enhance its water infrastructure system in order to protect our streams and creeks with certain targeted communities who need assistance the most.

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

Low-income and elderly residents who are unable to afford the replacement of their aging septic systems. 25-50 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The following are expected benefits and outcomes of this project: Eliminate more septic tanks that impact creek systems will help to enhance water quality for protection of fish and wildlife; Eliminate failing septic tanks and connect to sanitary sewer where feasible as failing septic tanks can contribute to fecal contamination of creeks and groundwater which can cause a public health threat; Potentially reduce fecal coliform and nitrogen levels in creeks by eliminating failing septic systems that can be connected to sanitary sewer; Reduce nitrogen inputs from septic systems near creeks. The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.

- 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?

Return of funds.



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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.**

City of Gainesville

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.