



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2281

1. **Project Title** Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Low Income Septic to Sewer Conversion2. **Senate Sponsor** Gayle Harrell3. **Date of Request** 01/09/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) requests \$1,020,000 of a \$1,050,000 fully-designed, ready-to-go project to remove 80 aging septic tanks and construct a main sanitary sewer line to connect the City of Fort Pierce low income homes to an existing lift station, a cost savings of \$300,000. Project cost will cover construction and the \$10,000 connection fee per residence for the 80 homes that have an average household annual income of \$27,000. This project will improve the overall environmental health by eliminating 1,400 lbs of nitrogen/ yr, bacteria, viruses and other pathogens known to spread hepatitis and dysentery from reaching the Indian River Lagoon. Regionally, it will provide 150 jobs. Statewide, it will generate \$64,800 in sales tax revenues.

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	1,020,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,020,000

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)	1020000	97.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	30,000	3 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,050,000	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.



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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	Construction of sewer lines and removal of old septic tanks.	1,020,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,020,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority requests \$1,020,000 of a \$1,050,000 project to remove 80 aging septic system in a low income, flood-prone neighborhood to improve the overall environmental health of our community by eliminating 1,400 lbs of nitrogen/ yr, as well as bacteria, viruses and other pathogens known to spread hepatitis and dysentery from reaching the Indian River Lagoon. Regionally this project will provide 150 jobs. Statewide it will generate \$64,800 in sales tax revenues.

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

This project will construct 4,400 linear feet of sanitary sewer force main pressurized sewer pipe with individual residential lift stations to 80 neighborhood homes. After residences are connected to sanitary sewer lines, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority will clean out and remove the old septic tank on the private properties. The elimination of these leaching septic tanks will ultimately remove 1,400 lbs of nitrogen/ yr from reaching the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River.

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

This project will eliminate 80 septic tanks leaching noxious pollution to our estuaries, reduce water pollution and contaminants harming fish and wildlife health, improve general environmental education regarding removing noxious pollutants to our estuaries, improve stormwater and wastewater management, improve transportation safety and conditions by replacing aging infrastructure, install reliable sanitary sewer lines and resurface four roadways, add 150 construction jobs regionally, and generate \$64,800 in sales tax revenues.

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

The project will target a low-income area located south of the City of Fort Pierce. While this area is not a state-designated REDI community, it houses 220 residents residing in 80 single family households living just below the poverty rate of \$24,800 per household annually.

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

This project will eliminate 80 septic tanks leaching noxious pollution to our estuaries, reduce water pollution and contaminants harming fish and wildlife health and improve transportation safety and conditions by replacing aging infrastructure after installing reliable sanitary sewer lines and resurface four roadways. Water quality monitoring data will reflect a decrease in nitrogen and fecal coliform, following the removal of the 80 leaching septic tanks.

- 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?

Reduce incentive payments according to the deliverables submitted.



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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.**

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority will receive the funding directly. The City of Fort Pierce created the utilities authority to be part of the City's government, which is responsible for the development, production, purchase and distribution of all electricity, gas, water, sanitary sewer collection and disposal.

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.