



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2483

1. **Project Title** Fort White Water Supply Project

2. **Senate Sponsor** Rob Bradley

3. **Date of Request** 01/15/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will replace the Town's water supply and well system by connecting a new well field approximately 4 miles north east of town to the existing water treatment plant. Fort White currently experiences very poor water quality due to the existing well location near the stormwater collection point and the geology of the location (HAA5, TTHM and tannic color). Suwannee River Water Management District has purchased the site to relocate the wells. State funds will be used for construction of the system. The water supply services a rural community of 400 as well as the High, Middle and Elementary schools with 2,000 student daily population.

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	2,805,610
Total State Funds Requested	2,805,610

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)	2805610	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	2,805,610	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 Production Wells with pumps and valves, test well, 22,000 linear feet of water distribution lines, 18 fire hydrants, and all appurtenances.	2,805,610
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,805,610



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11. Program Performance

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

Relocating the water supply to a new well field will eliminate or significantly reduce TTHM, HAA5 and the tannic coloration in drinking water and well as eliminating the water color and contamination issues throughout distribution system. The current wells are located within 1000 feet of the stormwater collection point contributing to organic contamination of the water supply. The Suwannee River Water Management District completed the wellfield siting report and acquired the site. This request will install the new wells and connect to the existing Treatment plant. This grant will also reduce need for treatment processes at the plant.

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

These funds will be used to construct the well field, water distribution lines to the treatment plant, tanks and all appurtenances necessary to replace the water supply.

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

This project will provide clean drinking water citizens in Fort White and the Columbia County schools in the town. Currently, the water is undrinkable and many residents and students have to use bottled water.

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

The Town of Fort White serves 400 residents. Additionally, over 2,000 students attend the elementary, middle and high schools t

- 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 provide improved water quality and reduced coloration of the water as measured by FDEP water quality testing. Additionally, the improved water source will allow reduced treatment required by FDEP that address the current contamination. The Town has failed recent FDEP testing for TTHM and HAA5 and has to increase the treatment of the water system.

- 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?

The Town would be required to repay the funds should it fail to meet the contract.



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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 owner of the facility is the Town of Fort White

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.