



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1651

1. Project Title Hardee County Phase 7 Regional Wastewater & Potable Water Service Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request 02/18/2021

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Project provides for plant support facilities to extend wastewater lines & potable water lines to include nitrate impacted homes to remove 25 private septic systems & private wells contributing to nitrates in the residential area of Wauchula Hills Service Area affecting approx. 400 to 600 homes. Families living here are economically depressed. The median household income is greatly below State averages, low and low-to-moderate incomes. Protects public health, the environment by providing clean safe waters eliminating area hazardous leaking septic systems by providing central provider infrastructure for sewer & water for existing, new homes and enterprises along & adjacent to US 17 corridor for health, safety & water protection. The project addresses FDEP requirements to reduce nitrate levels in residential wells, augments & supports SWFWMD water quality standards for the Peace River Basin & Charlotte Harbor Estuary and includes 100% effluent reuse.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? Yes

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,400,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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#### 10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$5 million; public programs; individual assistance for rent/mortgage/utility; small business assistance to help cover employee wages, vendor bills, rent/mortgage payments, PPE; community partners food security/mitigation which were issued in the form of grants to qualifying non-profits and religious organizations providing critical services to the community; expenses associated with telework, PPE, physical modifications to facilities; and expenses relating to public safety employees.

#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual Engineering and Construction Services	1,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,400,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Provide improved life, health, and safety to Wauchula Hills Service Area by removing 25 old failing septic systems leaching nitrate containments into private wells and treatment of wastewater effluent; eliminate reliance within the region the use of individual systems where waters are made hazardous with existing old, failing septic systems. Addressing permitting agencies regulations, Health Dept. citations, and protection of State water resources-Peace River Estuary. 100% effluent reuse. Improved economic activity, wastewater management, ground & surface water quality. Protection of general public, improved health and environment.

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

Contractual engineering services, bidding, project management and construction services to construct the project as designed

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

Improved life, health and safety with the removal of 25 old failing septic systems, leaching into private wells. Provide for clean, safe potable water and effluent treatment in a regional system with 100% reuse.

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

The State, visitors, residents of Hardee County and surrounding area within the Peace River Basin and Charlotte Harbor Estuary.



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

Addressing nitrate health citations, permitting agencies regulations, protection of State endangered waters by adding approximately 25 connections to the central public system Addressing nitrate health citations, permitting agencies regulations, protection of State endangered waters by adding approximately 25 connections to the central public system Improved economic activity, wastewater management, improved ground & surface water quality. Protection of general public, improved health and environment.

**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 the contract?**

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

**13. 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.**

Hardee County is the owner and the entity.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name   
b. Firm Name   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number



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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

**17. 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

**18. 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

**19. What is the status of construction?**

Not Ready

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/30/2023