



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1937

1. Project Title Fort Myers At-Risk Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements and Septic Tank Abandonment

2. Senate Sponsor Ray Rodrigues

3. Date of Request 03/02/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Reduce sources of groundwater infiltration and seepage of aging septic tank systems potentially impacting Caloosahatchee water quality by connecting 242 locations to sanitary sewer. Enclave areas will be connected to modern wastewater collection and stormwater improvement infrastructure, allowing residents to transition from septic tanks and reduce the amount of potential infiltration sources and seepage into waterways. In addition, the city seeks to connect 94 currently permitted septic tank locations and work with Lee county to provide sanitary sewer services and drainage improvements. The neighborhoods would not be able to fund all of the improvements individually.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,625,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,625,000

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)	1,625,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,625,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	100,000	1635A	No

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.

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



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No

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Design of a sewer infrastructure system and septic tank abandonment project for 242 sites. Evaluation of improvements for drainage flow from Hanson Street to the Carrell Canal.	250,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a sewer infrastructure system and septic tank abandonment project for up to 366 sites. Implementation of improvements for drainage flow from Hanson Street to Carrell Canal.	1,375,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,625,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal of the program is to reduce sources of groundwater infiltration and seepage of aging septic tank systems potentially impacting Caloosahatchee water quality by connecting 242 locations to sanitary sewer. Enclave areas will be connected to modern wastewater collection and stormwater improvement infrastructure, allowing residents to transition from septic tanks and reduce the amount of potential infiltration sources and seepage into waterways. In addition, the city seeks to connect 94 currently permitted septic tank locations and work with Lee county to provide sanitary sewer services and drainage improvements. The neighborhoods would not be able to fund all of the improvements individually.

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

City will provide sanitary sewer and drainage improvements to current residential permitted septic system users, and approximately 242 in enclave areas would be connected to sanitary sewer.

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

Conversion of septic system users to city-provided separate sanitary sewer service, decreasing seepage and potential infiltration of state waterways.

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

Users of septic systems are the target population of this project. The entire city will be served with decrease of infiltration and seepage. More than 242 residents and businesses would benefit from this initiative.

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



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The expected benefit is a reduction of infiltration and seepage into waters of the state, specifically the Caloosahatchee. Outcome can be measured in number of residences and businesses connected to sanitary sewer system and septic tanks abandoned. At least 242 residents could be served, and even more if funds available allow the city to extend sanitary sewer to 94 currently permitted septic tank users in other areas of the city.

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?

City would forfeit funds back to the state.

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.

City of Fort Myers would be the owners.



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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?

06/02/2023