



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1971

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This residential area is currently served by private on-site treatment and disposal systems (septic tanks), which have been identified as a source for nutrient loading to the groundwater and surface waters of the Homosassa River, an Outstanding Florida Waterway. In addition, the Homosassa River has been deemed to be an impaired water body under Chapter 62-303(d) F.A.C. due to nutrient levels and associated algal mats. This project is the continuation of the county's effort to provide wastewater service to existing residential and commercial development adjacent to the Homosassa River. Design, permitting and construction of a municipal sanitary sewer system that will allow for connection of up to 88 existing septic tanks along the Homosassa River to Citrus County's wastewater system where flows will be routed to the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility for advanced treatment.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,950,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,950,000

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)	3,950,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,950,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- 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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The project consists of the connection of existing residential dwelling unit septic systems located in the Chassahowitzka/Homosassa springshed to Citrus County's central wastewater collection system. The construction will include installation of a new sanitary sewer collection to system to the resident's lot lines and any associated components which many include lift station(s) and grinder pump stations. The County's requirements will then result in the connection of up to 88 residents.	3,950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,950,000

12. Program Performance

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

This project affects a residential area currently being served by septic tanks, which have been identified as a source of nutrient loading to the groundwater and surface waters of the Homosassa River, an Outstanding Florida Waterway. In addition, the Homosassa River has been deemed to be an impaired water body under Chapter 62-303 F.A.C. due to nutrient levels and associated algal mats. This project is the continuation of Citrus County's effort to provide wastewater service to existing residential and commercial developments adjacent to the Homosassa River.

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

The permitting, design and construction of a central wastewater collection system made available to the residents in the project area.

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

Residential homes currently on OSTDS will be provided with the availability to connect to the County's central wastewater collection system.

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



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The County will construct a municipal sanitary sewer system located in the west downtown area of Old Homosassa located within near proximity of the headsprings of Homosassa. This will allow for the connection of up to approximately 88 connections, with existing septic tanks along the Homosassa River, to Citrus County's wastewater system, where flows will be routed to the Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility for advanced treatment.

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

The project benefit will be the reduction of pollutant loads to the Homosassa/Chassahowitzka Springs Groups by an estimated amount of 1,909 lbs/yr TN. The number of residential connections to the County's wastewater collection system will be used as the methodology used to measure the benefit of the project. These homes will then be subject to the County's mandatory connection ordinance.

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?

Withholding reimbursement payments from the grantee until all measurables are met per the contract is a major financial burden that any municipality or other entity can afford to bear. This method or penalty ensures that all performance measures and deliverables are met during and after the project.

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.

Citrus County, Florida and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection are currently working together on Springs Initiative goal specific projects that are either in the design phase or the construction phase. These projects are concurrent with the goals set forth in the Chassahowitzka/Homosassa BMAP of reducing nutrient loading to the groundwater and surface waters associated with the first magnitude springs.



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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?

Planning Stage

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

Zero

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2024