



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1733

1. Project Title

Groveland Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion

2. Senate Sponsor

Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request

11/29/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Groveland owns, operates, and maintains a regional wastewater collection, treatment and disposal utility for the benefit of its utility service area, to include residents, commercial and industrial businesses, and the City of Mascotte. Groveland and Mascotte are experiencing annual growth rates more than 8% over the past five years, including the unincorporated areas of Lake County, FL within these communities and the surrounding area. This trend is continuing with numerous recent developer agreement approvals and planned developments that are seeking approval. The FDEP and the St. Johns Water Management District are keenly focused on the elimination of private onsite waste treatment systems (OWTS), to include removal of existing systems and discouraging installation of new systems where central sewer is available. Responsible growth in these communities is limited by existing infrastructure and necessitates expansion of the current regional WWTF.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted?

Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,250,000	100%

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?

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	Plan/Design/Construct expansion and upgrades to regional wastewater treatment plant that serves both the City of Groveland and City of Mascotte.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

12. Program Performance

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

The City of Groveland will plan and design a regional WWTF facility to accommodate immediate and future demands including economic development and growth projections for a 20 year planning period. The project will provide future demand needs for the City of Mascotte and the unincorporated area of Lake County.

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

Planning and design of the regional WWTF facility.

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

Centralized wastewater collection system, WWTF upgrades to meet current and future demands, and adequate wastewater effluent disposal. Eliminates the need for future septic tanks to be permitted and constructed for future growth demands.

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

Lake County, Unincorporated; the City of Groveland and the City of Mascotte.

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

Serving the Laker County area with centralized wastewater and eliminating septic tanks. The result can be measured by permitting of septic systems by the FDEP/FDOH and monthly operating reports at the WWTF and FDEP permits.



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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?

FDEP permit renewal.

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 Groveland publicly owned wastewater treatment, collection, and disposal system.



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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?

0%

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/15/2025