



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2348

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Haines City is one of the fastest growing areas in Polk County. The Haines City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is in need of expansion to provide additional plant capacity as the facility is nearing capacity, and rapid growth is expected to continue. This area is included in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) area, which will require advanced treatment in the near term (within 5 years). This project would provide both environmental and economic improvements within the City by improving the capacity and reliability of the facility, and also by increasing the quality of plant effluent (reclaimed water). The higher quality effluent will allow for increased beneficial use of this valuable commodity.

The total estimated project cost is approximately \$25,000,000 for design, permitting, and construction of the facility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

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

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)	3,000,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	22,000,000	88%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	25,000,000	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.



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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	Funds will be applied to the Construction of WWTP expansion and conversion to advanced wastewater treatment.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Converting the wastewater treatment facility to advanced treatment at the same time the facility's treatment capacity is expanded is an efficient and fiscally responsible approach to achieving two primary goals; increase effluent quality to meet BMAP standards, and increase treatment capacity to accommodate substantial growth.

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

These funds will be used to fund the procurement and construction of the necessary improvements to the wastewater treatment facility meeting the new regulations and capacity needs that will improve existing deficiencies and enhance operational flexibilities.

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

The improvements to the wastewater treatment facility will increase the level of service provided to the citizens of Haines City, including increase in reliability, higher quality reclaimed water, reduced operation and maintenance costs for service reliability.

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

The target population served by the project are the residents and businesses within the City's utility service area (approximately 29,633 population).

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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Appropriately treated wastewater will provide for increased reliability of service, increased quality of plant effluent, and reduced operation and maintenance costs. This increased effluent quality is expected to increase beneficial reuse and decreasing the quantity of effluent that must be disposed of, which will also reduce the incidence of discharge to sensitive surface water bodies. Incidences of surface water discharges are monitored and can be quantified to confirm benefit.

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?

Repayment of allocated funds.

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 Haines City
Owner and Entity is same.



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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?

Under design - construction anticipated for FY 2023

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024