



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1477

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As aligned with a key priority of Governor DeSantis, the City is seeking state appropriations or grant support to provide financial assistance to approximately 140 Palm Bay households along local canal systems with connection to City sewer, where available, and abandonment of septic tanks, in accordance with Section 381.00655, Florida Statutes. Staff estimates the average cost per resident to connect to the City's centralized sewer system is \$21,000, of which approximately \$5,770 are the City's Utilities Department fees. Palm Bay City Council has agreed to waive all City utility-related connection fees but the \$100 meter and deposit fee per household.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,100,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,100,000	68%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	987,000	32%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,087,000	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.

City Council will have to authorize staff to seek eligible grant funding to assist residents, as well as continue to provide payment options for residents.

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



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Yes

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

Yes, the City of Palm Bay received approximately \$1.5M in Coronavirus Relief Funds and CDBG-CV1 and CV3 funds as well as just over \$18M in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

The owners of the centralized sewerage system is City of Palm Bay. Where the City currently has sewer lines running through residential neighborhoods, the individual property owners shall be required to connect and maintain their portion of said connection.

13. 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	Waiver of City utility-related connection fees (approx \$5,770 per connection)	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	abandonment of septic tank and connection to City centralized sewerage system	2,100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,100,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Improved water quality and the health of Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon, reducing damaging nutrients flowing into local water bodies, by the abandonment of approximately 140 septic tanks in Palm Bay and the connection of approximately 140 Palm Bay households currently located on local canal systems to a centralized sewerage system.

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

The City's Utilities Department will notify approximately 140 households which have sewer-available but not connected to mandate connection within 365 and provide financial assistance with said connection by end of FY 2023-2024. The City will waive utility-related connection fees totaling approximately \$5,770 per household, and provide approximately 20 low-income households in Palm Bay currently on septic but have centralized sewer available with financial assistance to connect. The cost to abandon septic and connect to centralized sewer is approximately \$21,000 per households (\$420,000 for 20 income-eligible households).

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

Financial assistance to abandon septic tanks and connect to centralized sewer and improved water quality

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

Approximately 140 Palm Bay households, which have centralized sewer available but not connected, located on local canal systems

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

The expected benefits include improved water quality and the health of the Indian River Lagoon, and will be measured by the reduction in damaging nutrients flowing into Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon as well as an increase in the number of septic tanks abandoned and new households connected to a centralized sewerage system.

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?

The City of Palm Bay's Procurement Department provides language related to 'Notice of Deficiencies' identifying who/what is at fault, a deficiency or error, and provides the contractor time to cure it. The City uses default language related to non-performance by the contractor, or if the contractor does not supply skilled personnel, fails to pay their sub-contractors, etc. All contracts also include termination language for convenience and for cause. If the City itself does not perform, the granting agency may request the full reimbursement of the funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) Save Our Indian River Lagoon
- N/A

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2024