



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2070

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Under the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Order 224 NE, Newberry is mandated to upgrade to Regional Advanced Wastewater Treatment to be in compliance with Lower Santa Fe Basin Treatment Requirements. The project area is within the Santa Fe River Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) area. Local communities including Archer, High Springs, and unincorporated Alachua County will have the ability to abandon and remove septic tanks, advancing State priorities for springs protection. The project will utilize an innovative treatment and disposal process to remove excess nutrients from the environment as it aligns with the Santa Fe River BMAP. The Advanced WWTP will produce 3 parts per million, reducing nitrogen to 3mg/l in the treated WW effluent. The proposed facility will provide sufficient capacity for a regional approach, reducing "economies of scale" during construction, lowering the overall residential cost.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	28%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,879,600	72%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,379,600	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23			1849	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No Yes

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?

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

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
 N/A

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.

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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Construction.

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

Centralized sewer service.

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

The Regional Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant will serve the City of Newberry and surrounding communities to include the City of Archer and the City of High Springs.
 Newberry: 7,342
 Archer: 1,140
 High Springs: 6,215

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

The upgrade will supply an option for centralized and regional treatment options for other local Cities including Archer, High Springs, and unincorporated Alachua County that will enable economic investment and growth of the region while addressing negative impacts including failed septic systems and impaired waterways. The methodology used to measure this outcome will be FDEP Permitting, FDEP and WMD Sampling, and new sewer connections as documented by the City of Newberry.

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 payment, Corrective Action Plan, termination of agreement.

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



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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)
- 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?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?