

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Blountstown Groundwater Recharge Constructed Wetlands
2. Date of Submission: 11/04/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Jason Shoaf
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		700,000	700,000		4,744,500	4,744,500

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Environmental Protection
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

The City is currently under Consent Order and Administrative Order from FDEP for this issue.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Traci Hall
- b. Organization: City of Blountstown
- c. Email: thall@blountstown.org
- d. Phone #: (850)674-5488

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Traci Hall
- b. Organization: City of Blountstown
- c. Email: thall@blountstown.org
- d. Phone #: (850)674-5488

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Patrick Bell
- b. Firm: Capitol Solutions
- c. Email: pbel@capitolsolutions.biz
- d. Phone #: (850)544-0784

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: City of Blountstown
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Calhoun
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Calhoun

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

This project will allow the City to meet the requirements of the FDEP Consent and Administrative Orders and provide safer and more reliable effluent reuse, thereby creating a better environment.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds to be used for land acquisition, engineering design, and construction of effluent disposal system due to Consent Order from FDEP.	4,744,500
TOTAL		4,744,500

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

This project has been regularly discussed during multiple City Council meetings since the Consent Order was issued. Meeting minutes referencing this project are available upon request.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

A feasibility study was conducted in 2014 for the determination of available land application sites in the vicinity of the existing WWTP. Another report is under review by FDEP for the proposed project as presented in this request. Copies of these reports can be made available upon request.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Improve surface water quality	Water quality sampling (comparison pre- and post-construction)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Improve surface water quality	Water quality sampling (comparison pre- and post-construction)
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management	Meet Consent Order requirements	Removal of Consent Order
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Remove effluent discharge to Sutton Creek	Water quality sampling (comparison pre- and post-construction)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	4,744,500	76.6%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	1,450,000	23.4%	Yes
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	6,194,500	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

21. What is the revenue source of ongoing operating funds?

The City of Blountstown utility revenues will cover operation and maintenance costs.

22. Has local approval been given for ongoing operating funds?

Yes

23. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- a. Wastewater Revolving Loan
- b. Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- c. Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

d. Other (Please describe)

e. N/A

24. Has project been addressed in a local, regional, or state plan?

No

25. Is the project for a financially disadvantaged community? (as defined in Chapter 62-552, F.A.C.)

Yes

26. What is the population economic status?

a. Financially Disadvantaged Municipality

b. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

c. Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress

d. N/A

27. What is the status of planning?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

28. What percentage of the planning process has been completed?

90%

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?

12/31/2019

30. What is the status of design?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

31. What percentage of design has been completed?

0%

32. What is the estimated design completion date?

12/31/2020

33. List all required permits.

FDOT Utility Permit, FDEP Major WWTP Modifications, and other environmental permits (depending on results of geotechnical study)

34. What is the status of permitting?

- a. Planned
- b. Submitted
- c. Received

35. What is the status of construction?

- a. Ready
- b. Not Ready

36. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0%

37. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2022