

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Okeechobee Utility Authority Southwest Wastewater Service Area
2. Date of Submission: 11/12/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Cary Pigman  
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? 2018-19
- 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>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>  <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					2,500,000	2,500,000

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.

Non-payment of outstanding invoices, implementation of the corrective action plan, invoking the public construction bond or performance bond

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Steven Nelson
- b. Organization: Okeechobee Utility Authority
- c. Email: khamblen@ouafl.com
- d. Phone #: (863)763-9460

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

- a. Name: Steven Nelson
- b. Organization: Okeechobee Utility Authority
- c. Email: khamblen@ouafl.com
- d. Phone #: (863)763-9460

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

- a. Name: Connie Vanassche
- b. Firm: CAS Governmental Services, LLC
- c. Email: ccvgovser@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (561)512-0089

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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

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) Special District

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

Protect life, public health, environment, State water resources; removing 738 failing septic systems where effluent currently leaches back into homes & into Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin due to severe flooding from rainfalls compromising drainfields. Citizens exposed to constant failure of septic systems creates a serious health hazard for children, pets, citizenry. Provides improved water quality, increased service & reliability. Nutrient reduction is one key element to reduce algal blooms.

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	Contractual construction services	2,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

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): Special District

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:

Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners, City of Okeechobee, Economic Development Council, residents in project service area.  
Project submitted to FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP update.

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:

Preliminary Engineering Report; FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP update

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Reduction of contaminants leaching	Removal of 738 failing septic

	from private failing septic systems into drinking & ground water; reduces health hazard; improves health, life & safety of citizenry; Estimated 6.7 tons per yr. of nitrogen & 1.6 tons per yr. of phosphorus removed from septic tanks	tanks/systems & conversion to central sewer system & measuring subsequent water quality. Nutrient reduction leads to less emergent vegetation growth, harmful algal blooms & aquatic degradation; addressing permit requirements;
<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	Improved environment with reduction of contaminants leaching from 738 private failing septic systems into State protected Lk Okeechobee Water Basin; provides for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; improved health, life & safety of environment & wildlife; Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of phosphorus to be removed from 738 old/failing septic tanks	Removal of 738 old/failing septic tank systems & conversion to centralized wastewater treatment system & measuring subsequent water quality; nutrient reduction leads to less pollutants & harmful algal blooms entering Lk. Okeechobee Water Basin.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Improved environment with reduction of contaminants leaching from 738 private failing septic systems into State protected Lk Okeechobee Water Basin; provides for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; improved health, life & safety of environment & wildlife; Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of	Removal of 738 old/failing septic tank systems & conversion to centralized wastewater treatment system & measuring subsequent water quality; nutrient reduction leads to less pollutants & harmful algal blooms entering Lk. Okeechobee Water Basin.

	phosphorus to be removed from 738 old/failing septic tanks	
<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	Improved wastewater management with reduction of contaminants leaching from 738 failing private septic tanks/systems back into homes & Lk. Okeechobee Watershed Basin; Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of phosphorus removed from septic tanks; benefit is for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; increased service & reliability; eliminates health hazard	Elimination of 738 private failing septic systems & adding to centralized wastewater treatment system reduction of contaminants entering water supply sources - Lk. Okeechobee Watershed Basin. Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of phosphorus removed from septic tanks; benefit is for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; increased service & reliability; eliminates health hazard.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality	Improves groundwater by reduction of runoff pollutants entering ground water tables & water sources; improved life, public health with	Elimination of 738 private failing septic systems & adding to centralized wastewater treatment system reduction of contaminants

	improved water quality.	entering water supply sources - Lk. Okeechobee Watershed Basin. Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of phosphorus removed from septic tanks; benefit is for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; increased service & reliability; eliminates health hazard.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality	Improves drinking water with reduction of contaminants leaching from private failing septic systems into drinking water & ground water tables; improved life, public health & water quality	Elimination of 738 private failing septic systems & adding to centralized wastewater treatment system reduction of contaminants entering water supply sources - Lk. Okeechobee Watershed Basin. Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of phosphorus removed from septic tanks; benefit is for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; increased service & reliability; eliminates health hazard.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Reduction of contaminants leaching from private failing septic systems into the environment, drinking & ground water; improves life, public health with improved water quality	Elimination of 738 private failing septic systems & adding to centralized wastewater treatment system reduction of contaminants entering water supply sources - Lk. Okeechobee Watershed Basin. Estimated per year 6.7 tons of nitrogen & 1.6 tons of phosphorus removed from septic tanks; benefit is for a safe means to dispose of wastewater; increased service & reliability; eliminates health hazard.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): improves Lake Okeechobee	Benefit improves water quality flowing	Reduction of pollutants entering Lake

Water Quality	to coastal ecosystems - Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie Canal & Caloosahatchee River; estimated 6.7 tons per yr. of nitrogen & 1.6 tons per yr. of phosphorus removed from septic tanks	Okeechobee Watershed Basin with elimination of 700+ failing septic tanks/systems; measuring subsequent water quality
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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:	2,500,000	17.9%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	6,000,000	43.0%	Yes
4. Local:	5,450,000	39.1%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,950,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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?

Operating Budget

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?

Yes

24a. If Yes, insert plan name and cite page numbers.

Regional Preliminary Design Memorandum; FDEP Lake Okeechobee BMAP Update

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?

50

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?

32. What is the estimated design completion date?

9/30/2020

33. List all required permits.

FDEP, SFWMD

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?

12/31/2022