

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Gainesville Lower-Income Neighborhood Septic-to-Sewer Water Quality Improvements

2. Date of Submission: 11/13/2019

3. House Member Sponsor: Clovis Watson

Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

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?

c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

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:					250,000	250,000

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.

Funding withheld until deliverables are met

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Thomas Harrington
- b. Organization: City of Gainesville
- c. Email: harringtontj@cityofgainesville.org
- d. Phone #: (352)318-6370

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

- a. Name: Tony Cunningham
- b. Organization: Gainesville Regional Utilities
- c. Email: cunninghaal@cityofgainesville.org
- d. Phone #: (352)665-1492

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

- a. Name: Ryan Matthews
- b. Firm: Peebles, Smith & Matthews
- c. Email: ryan@psmfl.net
- d. Phone #: (850)681-7383

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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

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?

The goal for this project is to assist those individuals and their families, who are either low-income or elderly, and do not have the affordable means to replace their septic systems to the City's sewer system which ultimately can cause environmental harm to the City's water infrastructure.

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	Planning, engineering, and costs for replacing current septic tank systems and connecting them to existing city sewer lines.	250,000
TOTAL		250,000

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?

No

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:

"Gainesville Urban Creeks Report: Challenges and Solutions for Reducing Fecal Pollution" Report (June 2018) that summarizes the condition of Gainesville's creeks and recommends possible pathways forward for water quality improvements. This report was compiled by an inter-agency team consisting of County Environmental Protection/Public Works, DOH, City Parks, and Gainesville Regional Utilities for the Joint Water Policy Committee with the most primary suggestion being septic tank elimination.

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 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	Eliminating more septic tanks that impact creek systems will help to enhance water quality for protection of fish and wildlife.	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Failing septic tanks can contribute to fecal contamination of creeks and groundwater which can cause a public health threat. This project will eliminate failing septic tanks and connect to sanitary sewer where feasible.	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	This project will augment the ability for those who are low-income and elderly residents on fixed income to engage in more economic activity due to disposable income not being diverted to replace their septic tank.	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Individuals' economic self-sufficiency will be enhanced as those who request participation in this program will also accept responsibility for	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.

	future utility bills instead of the enormity of a one-time cost that requires septic tank removal and conversion.	
<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	Eliminate failing septic systems that may deleteriously impact creek systems.	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality	Project would reduce nitrogen inputs from septic systems near creeks.	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Project would potentially reduce fecal coliform and nitrogen levels in creeks by eliminating failing septic systems that can be connected to sanitary sewer.	The success of the project will be measured by the number of homes connected to sanitary sewer.
<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	250,000	50.0%	N/A

Project Request:			
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	250,000	50.0%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	500,000	100%	

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

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

City of Gainesville

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.

"Gainesville Urban Creeks Report: Challenges and Solutions for Reducing Fecal Pollution" by Alachua County and City of Gainesville/Gainesville Regional Utilities (June 2018) - pg. 39-41

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

No

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?

30%

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?

9/30/2020

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?

9/30/2020

33. List all required permits.

Both the FDEP wastewater collection system construction permit and the FDOH septic tank abandonment permit are required. Gainesville Regional Utilities with the City of Gainesville is confident that both would be attainable to receive.

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?

6/30/2021