

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Loxahatchee Groves Canal System Rehabilitation
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Matt Willhite
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:					550,000	550,000

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? No
 - 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.

Contractor will be prohibited from bidding Town projects for three years.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Mary McNicholas
- b. Organization: Town of Loxahatchee Groves
- c. Email: mem@sluggett.com
- d. Phone #: (561)662-1805

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

- a. Name: Mary McNicholas
- b. Organization: Town of Loxahatchee Groves
- c. Email: mem@sluggett.com
- d. Phone #: (561)662-1805

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

- a. Name: Mary McNicholas
- b. Firm: Geoffrey B. Sluggett and Associates
- c. Email: mem@sluggett.com
- d. Phone #: (561)662-1805

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Town of Loxahatchee Groves
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Palm Beach
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Palm Beach

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?

By eliminating the Independent Special District, the Town now manages a 100-year old Water Control District in bad need of maintenance for a 32-mile canal system. The project will permit the Town to dredge and adequately dispose of collected matter to improve the function and clarity of the water. Also, reestablish proper canal cross-sections, eliminate decaying matter and debris, promote native vegetation, reduce storm debris, and increase stormwater storage to improve drainage.

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	Canal dredging, surveying, matter disposal, testing	550,000
TOTAL		550,000

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?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

The project was approved by the Town Council and will be included in their capital improvement plan and water control district maintenance plan.

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:

Subsequent to Tropical Storm Isaac, the Water Control District performed dredging work in sections of the canal system under direction of the Agriculture Department - that improved the beneficial outcomes of the ater in the canals followed by those pilot projects.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Providing improved water for agricultural delivery	Enhance the Ag/Equestrian Community
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Providing improved water quality for wildlife, fish, and preserves in rural community.	Survey, testing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Increased water quality, storm water collection, environmental protection	Survey, testing
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Increasing Agritourism and the equestrian industry in this rural area will increase tourism and better management of canal system.	Increasing agritourism and the equestrian industry in this rural area will increase tourism.
<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 type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	Improved drainage system will enhance storm water management in this 100 year old Water Control District with much needed maintenance. Increase in water depth will increase waterways ability to prevent flooding.	Improved canal and drainage system will not adversely impact adjacent canal with washouts; by surveying, testing.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Removal of invasive, increased native vegetation will improve surface water quality.	Surveying, testing
<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:	550,000	50.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	550,000	50.0%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	1,100,000	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?
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control. Maintenance assessments
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.)
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?
100%

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?
04/01/2019
30. What is the status of design?
 a. Ready
 b. Not Ready
31. What percentage of design has been completed?
50%
32. What is the estimated design completion date?
06/01/2020
33. List all required permits.
NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit
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?
05/01/2021