

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Freeport U.S. Hwy. 331 South Water and Sewer Utility
2. Date of Submission: 09/23/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Brad Drake
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:					5,500,000	5,500,000

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.

The City will award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents will spell out liquidated damage costs for project construction and time overruns. The bid documents will also require the selected contractor to provide performance and payment bonds to the City.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Russ Barley
- b. Organization: City of Freeport
- c. Email: rbarley@freeportflorida.gov
- d. Phone #: (850)835-2822

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

- a. Name: Alex Rouchaleau
- b. Organization: Dewberry Engineers
- c. Email: arouchaleau@dewberry.com
- d. Phone #: (850)571-1255

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

- a. Name: Tim Parson
- b. Firm: Liberty Partners
- c. Email: tim@libertypartnersfl.com
- d. Phone #: (850)983-5550

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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

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 is part of an ongoing utility infrastructure phased plan developed in 2016 by Freeport and has been Freeport's top priority project. This project will provide water and sewer capacity along U.S. 331 South from Riverwalk Blvd. to County Road 3280 to support all current and future water and sewer utility demands and provide the opportunity for development, job creation, and the creation of tax and utility revenues for the City and Walton County.

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	Design and construction of the proposed water and sewer utility extension and upgrades along U.S. 331 South from Riverwalk Blvd. to C.R. 3280 to service approximately	5,500,000

	2.75 miles of prime commercial land.	
TOTAL		5,500,000

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:

Project was approved by the Public and City Council for the FY 2020-21 Legislative Appropriations submission at the June 11th 2019 Council Meeting. Project has been the City's top priority capital improvement project since 2016. Phases of the project have been submitted to Legislation each year since the FY 2017-18 cycle.

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 planning study was performed for the City of Freeport by Dewberry Engineers in 2018. Walton County completed the U.S. 331 Economic Development Corridor Plan in August of 2018.

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	Reduction in the number of septic systems along the Choctawhatchee Bay. Improve water quality in the Bay.	Water quality testing along the Choctawhatchee Bay can be performed before and after the connection of septic systems (to be included in a separate project)
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	New commercial and residential development, new mixed use developments and new industry created due to additional capacity being provided and the ability for the City of expand its services beyond what is existing.	Success could be measured by population, commercial and industrial growth, as well as increased tax and utility revenue for the City.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	End destination for travelers.	Success would be measured by an increase in services, such as food, lodging and retail facilities, as well as recreational businesses.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Once design and permitting is complete, construction can commence. The construction project would provide immediate job opportunities for the entire area.	The project would require utility crews, and landscape and irrigation workers to complete the project.
<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	Providing centralized wastewater collection where previously none.	A count of the number of new wastewater connections and the number of abandoned septic systems.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality	Increased water pressure from new lines; improved groundwater quality from reduction in septic systems	Perform water quality testing in nearby water monitoring wells; measuring water pressure at nearby properties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Reduction in the number of septic systems on the Choctawhatchee Bay.	Perform water quality testing in high density areas along the Choctawhatchee Bay.
<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?
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1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	5,500,000	100.0%	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:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	5,500,000	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?

Monthly customer usage rate and impact fees

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.

Walton County Capital Improvements Plan (Goal C1-1, p. 2, City of Freeport Capital Improvements Plan (Schedule of Capital Improvements, Sections VIII and IX)

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?

100%

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?

05/01/2018

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?

06/01/2020

33. List all required permits.

FDEP, FDOT and NFWFMD

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?

06/01/2021