

FDEP Springs Funding FY2026 Final Evaluations

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Unit Number	Applicant	Project	Nitrogen Reduction (lbs/yr)	FDEP Request	WMD Request	Local Match	Other Funding	Total
APP02	Hernando County	Private Package Plant Connections	1,241	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
APP03	Hernando County	District A Phase 1	4,620	\$ 16,842,643	\$ -	\$ 2,692,492	\$ -	\$ 19,535,135
APP04	Pasco County	Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project^	2,310	\$ 2,005,927	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,005,927
APP05	Pasco County	Wesley Chapel Center WWTP Expansion Phase 1	27,648	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000
APP06	Pasco County	Aripeka Septic to Sewer^	767	\$ 2,940,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,940,000
		^Multiyear request						
	Application Count:	5	36,586	\$ 33,788,570	\$ -	\$ 4,692,492	\$ -	\$ 38,481,062

Project No.	APP02	Private Package Plant Connections			FY2026
Hernando County					
Project Type:		Wastewater Collection & Treatment		Multiyear Contract:	No
DESCRIPTION					
Description:		Design, permitting, and construction of a sewer collection system to connect and decommission the Weeki Wachee North Mobile Home Park, Frontier Mobile Home Park, Topics RV Resort and Countryside Estates package plants to the Hernando County wastewater system. Connection fees are included in the funding request.			
Costs:		Total project cost: \$8,750,002 (Design, permitting & construction) Hernando County share: \$317,032 (\$0 in FY26, \$317,032 in previous funding) FDEP share: \$8,432,970 (\$5,000,000 all in FY26, \$3,432,970 in previous funding)			
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Spring Information:		High	Benefitting spring: Weeki Wachee Yes Benefitting spring is an OFS? Yes Project located within the BMAP? Yes Project located within the PFA? The spring is approximately 7 miles from the project location.		
Project Benefit:		Medium	The benefit of this project will be the reduction of pollutant loads by an estimated 1,241 lbs/yr of TN.		
Cost Effectiveness:		Medium	The estimated cost for this project is \$235/lb TN.		
Related Strategies:		High	Yes Project is listed in the BMAP list of projects or is anticipated to be listed in the BMAP in the next update? Yes Benefitting spring has an MFL? Yes Project is part of a specific water quality or water quantity improvement plan?		
Local Match:		Low	The project does not include a local match.		
Project Readiness:		Medium	Design is ongoing or will start before Dec 31 of the fiscal year funding is being requested.		
OVERALL RANKING					
		Medium			
FUNDING					
Funding Source		Prior	FY2026	Future	Total
FDEP		\$ 3,432,970	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,432,970
Hernando County		\$ 317,032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 317,032
Total		\$ 3,750,002	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,750,002

Project No.	APP03	District A Phase 1			FY2026
Hernando County					
Project Type:		Wastewater Collection & Treatment	Multiyear Contract:	No	
DESCRIPTION					
Description:		Design and construction of a sewer collection system which will remove from service a minimum of 484 existing septic tanks. Includes customer laterals and abandonment of the existing septic systems. Connection fees are not included in the funding request, but are included as part of the local match.			
Costs:		Total project cost: \$36,035,135 (Design & construction) Hernando County share: \$0 FDEP share: \$33,342,643 total (\$16,842,643 all in FY26, \$16,500,000 in previous funding) Other share: \$2,692,492 (connection fees)			
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Spring Information:		High	Benefitting spring: Weeki Wachee Yes Benefitting spring is an OFS? Yes Project located within the BMAP? Yes Project located within the PFA? The spring is approximately 1.5 miles from the project location.		
Project Benefit:		Medium	The benefit of this project will be the reduction of pollutant loads by an estimated 4,620 lbs/yr of TN.		
Cost Effectiveness:		Medium	The estimated cost for this project is \$260/lb TN.		
Related Strategies:		High	Yes Project is listed in the BMAP list of projects or is anticipated to be listed in the BMAP in the next update? Yes Benefitting spring has an MFL? Yes Project is part of a specific water quality or water quantity improvement plan?		
Local Match:		Medium	The local match is less than 25% of the project costs.		
Project Readiness:		High	Construction is ongoing or will start before Dec 31 of the fiscal year funding is being requested.		
OVERALL RANKING					
		High			
FUNDING					
Funding Source		Prior	FY2026	Future	Total
FDEP		\$ 16,500,000	\$ 16,842,643	\$ -	\$ 33,342,643
Other (connection fees)		\$ -	\$ 2,692,492	\$ -	\$ 2,692,492
Total		\$ 16,500,000	\$ 19,535,135	\$ -	\$ 36,035,135

Project No.	APP04	Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project			FY2026
Pasco County					
Project Type:		Wastewater Collection & Treatment		Multiyear Contract:	Yes
DESCRIPTION					
Description:		Design and construction of a sewer collection system which will remove from service a minimum of 242 existing septic tanks with the ability to service 24 vacant lots. Includes customer laterals and abandonment of the existing septic systems. Connection fees are not included in the funding request.			
Costs:		Total project cost: \$14,221,090 (Design & construction) Pasco County share: \$0 FDEP share: \$14,221,090 (\$2,005,927 in FY26, \$12,215,163 in future funding)			
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Spring Information:		Medium	Benefitting spring: Weeki Wachee Yes Benefitting spring is an OFS? Yes Project located within the BMAP? No Project located within the PFA? The spring is approximately 6 miles from the project location.		
Project Benefit:		Medium	The benefit of this project will be the reduction of pollutant loads by an estimated 2,310 lbs/yr of TN.		
Cost Effectiveness:		Medium	The estimated cost for this project is \$205/lb TN.		
Related Strategies:		High	No Project is listed in the BMAP list of projects or is anticipated to be listed in the BMAP in the next update? Yes Benefitting spring has an MFL? No Project is part of a specific water quality or water quantity improvement plan?		
Local Match:		Low	The project does not include a local match.		
Project Readiness:		Low	Other elements must be addressed before design or construction may begin.		
OVERALL RANKING					
		Medium			
FUNDING					
Funding Source		Prior	FY2026	Future	Total
FDEP		\$ -	\$ 2,005,927	\$ 12,215,163	\$ 14,221,090
Total		\$ -	\$ 2,005,927	\$ 12,215,163	\$ 14,221,090

Project No.	APP05	Wesley Chapel Center WWTP Expansion Phase 1			FY2026
Pasco County					
Project Type:		Wastewater Collection & Treatment		Multiyear Contract:	No
DESCRIPTION					
Description:		Design, permitting, and construction for expansion of the existing 9 MGD, secondary treatment Wesley Center Subregional Wastewater Treatment Facility to a 13.5 MGD facility to meet flow increases and upgrade the plant to AWT quality treatment.			
Costs:		Total project cost: \$9,000,000 (Design, permitting, and construction) Pasco County share: \$2,000,000 FDEP share: \$7,000,000 all in FY26			
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Spring Information:		Medium	Benefitting spring: Weeki Wachee Yes Benefitting spring is an OFS? Yes Project located within the BMAP? No Project located within the PFA? The spring is approximately 23 miles from the project location.		
Project Benefit:		High	The benefit of this project will be the reduction of pollutant loads by an estimated 27,648 lbs/yr of TN.		
Cost Effectiveness:		High	The estimated cost for this project is \$11/lb TN.		
Related Strategies:		High	No Project is listed in the BMAP list of projects or is anticipated to be listed in the BMAP in the next update? Yes Benefitting spring has an MFL? No Project is part of a specific water quality or water quantity improvement plan?		
Local Match:		Medium	The local match is less than 25% of the project costs.		
Project Readiness:		Medium	Design is ongoing or will start before Dec 31 of the fiscal year funding is being requested.		
OVERALL RANKING					
		High			
FUNDING					
Funding Source		Prior	FY2026	Future	Total
FDEP		\$ -	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000,000
Pasco County		\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Total		\$ -	\$ 9,000,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000

Project No.	APP06	Aripeka Septic to Sewer			FY2026
Pasco County					
Project Type:		Wastewater Collection & Treatment	Multiyear Contract:	Yes	
DESCRIPTION					
Description:		Design, permitting, and construction for expansion of a sewer collection system which will remove from service a minimum of 128 residential septic tanks and decommission the Aripeka mobile home park package plant. Includes customer laterals and abandonment of the existing septic systems. Connection fees are included in the funding request.			
Costs:		Total project cost: \$14,700,000 (Design, permitting, & construction) Pasco County share: \$0 FDEP share: \$14,700,000 (\$2,940,000 in FY26 and \$11,760,000 anticipated to be requested in future years)			
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Spring Information:		Medium	Benefitting spring: Weeki Wachee Yes Benefitting spring is an OFS? Yes Project located within the BMAP? No Project located within the PFA? The spring is approximately 7.6 miles from the project location.		
Project Benefit:		Low	The benefit of this project will be the reduction of pollutant loads by an estimated 767 lbs/yr of TN. The benefit calculation methodology deviates from the FDEP guidance.		
Cost Effectiveness:		Low	The estimated cost for this project is \$639/lb TN.		
Related Strategies:		High	No Project is listed in the BMAP list of projects or is anticipated to be listed in the BMAP in the next update? Yes Benefitting spring has an MFL? No Project is part of a specific water quality or water quantity improvement plan?		
Local Match:		Low	The project does not include a local match.		
Project Readiness:		Medium	Design is ongoing or will start before Dec 31 of the fiscal year funding is being requested.		
OVERALL RANKING					
		Low			
FUNDING					
Funding Source		Prior	FY2026	Future	Total
FDEP		\$ -	\$ 2,940,000	\$ 11,760,000	\$ 14,700,000
Total		\$ -	\$ 2,940,000	\$ 11,760,000	\$ 14,700,000