



# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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## Legislation Text

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### **Subject:**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant WG074: Brevard County Indian River Lagoon 100 Quick Connects to Sewer

### **Fiscal Impact:**

\$900,000 of grant funds leveraged by \$900,000 of previously approved Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds

### **Dept/Office:**

Natural Resources Management

### **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners 1) authorize the Chair to execute this grant contract; 2) authorize the County Manager to execute any future amendments to this contract; and 3) approve related budget change requests.

### **Summary Explanation and Background:**

Grant funding of \$900,000 has been awarded to provide 50:50 match for 100 sites participating in the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Quick Connects to Sewer Program. The state funds are from fiscal year 2021-2022 Legislative Appropriations - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Save Our Indian River Lagoon Quick Connects to Sewer Program incentivizes homeowners with cost-share funding to properly abandon their conventional septic systems and connect their properties to central sewer. Sites that pose the highest threat to Indian River Lagoon water quality are eligible for up to \$18,000, which covers all costs for most typical conditions. The eligible funding amount for lower priority sites is based on the nitrogen loading estimate generated using the state's approved septic loading model, ArcNLET, calibrated to local conditions.

Property owners and/or contractors provide invoices for all eligible work performed. In order for work to be eligible for reimbursement it must be performed in accordance with applicable State and local regulations including issuance of permits and completion of inspections. Participants may choose from three payment options: 1) Property owners may select a plumbing contractor or a septic contractor of their choice and submit documentation for reimbursement; 2) Property owners may select from plumbing contractors who have been pre-approved by the County through competitive procurement, in which case the county can pay the plumber directly; or 3) Property owners may execute an "Optional Contractor Authorization" that allows a licensed, experienced contractor to front all or a portion of the costs and be reimbursed directly by the County for work

performed on behalf of the owner.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please execute 2 copies of the grant agreement, one copy for the Clerk's office and one to be returned to Natural Resources for sending to the grant agency.