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Subject: RE: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:43:18 PM
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Thank you Jeremy for the heads up.
My team will get with Emily asap.

Thank you,

Auria Oliver

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Subject: FW: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Chris / Auria,

Per the directions discussed in the email chains below, PCU is submitting for a \$1M (+/-) grant to FDEP that is due on Monday.

We will follow up with any paperwork/process needs to button up the audit trail.

Please let Emily know what you would like her to do for process filing for an “after the fact” Intent to Apply.

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From: Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:07 AM

To: Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>; Spoor, Matthew <mspoor@pinellas.gov>

Cc: Burton, Barry <bburton@pinellas.gov>; Klug, Della <dklug@pinellas.gov>

Subject: Re: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Jeremy - Matt is working on these with Laura and will be in touch with you this morning. We should keep the ask the same as in the original appropriation request. To Barry's question we are moving forward based on original board support of request to state. If we're awarded the grants, the agreements have to go back to the board anyway.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2024, at 8:57 AM, Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov> wrote:

Jill,

Do you want me to track down this answer from OMB/Purchasing?

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From: Burton, Barry <bburton@pinellas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:29 AM
To: Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>
Cc: Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>
Subject: Re: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Jill

I hate to apply for less. Can't I apply and ask for bcc approval after the fact?
Sent from my iPad

On Jul 9, 2024, at 6:41 PM, Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov> wrote:

BLUF

As FYI unless you tell me not to proceed in this manner:

PCU will be submitting for 2 Grant Applications from FDEP for up to \$500k each by July 15 deadline. Total \$1M request.

Under County rules, I believe Directors are allowed to apply for Grants up to \$500k. This would be 2 requests at \$500k each.

Both of these projects could accept more money in grants, but I cannot apply for those without prior BCC "Intent to Apply" approval, which cannot be done within submittal timeframe

Context.

Lots of info in emails below. Short Version:

1. PCU submitted legislative funding requests for Generator and Water Quality Improvement projects.
2. These made it all the way to the Governor's desk this year.
3. The Governor line item vetoed these expenses. He indicated that projects like this are already funded through FDEP Grants \$500M allotment
4. Our consultant has indicated that we should apply for the Grants for the projects that were vetoed based on the Governor's comments. FDEP will be under pressure to spend the money.
5. We have until July 15th to make the Grant Submittals. Starting from scratch this will be a challenge but we are going to try to

make it.

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From: Spoor, Matthew <mspoor@pinellas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 3:51 PM

To: Hammer Levy, Kelli <klevy@pinellas.gov>; Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>; Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>

Subject: RE: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Just spoke with Laura Boehmer. She is telling all clients to apply for our vetoed water quality projects so that they can then lobby the DEP for funding. Per the Governor- they have \$500 Million to give away.

Let me know your thoughts. I can begin the application process with the appropriate forms and let you know if I have any questions. It wouldn't hurt to ask and the BCC has already approved the appropriation requests.

Have we applied for any other projects from PW or Utilities for this cycle?

Projects below:

Budget Allocation Requests Vetoed:

1. Pinellas County Ridgcrest Neighborhood Water Quality Improvement Project- \$650K
2. Pinellas County Emergency Generators Replacement- \$1M

From: Hammer Levy, Kelli <klevy@pinellas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:11 PM
To: Spoor, Matthew <mspoor@pinellas.gov>; Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>; Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>
Subject: RE: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

The grant program that includes septic to sewer is open now but closes next week. <https://floridadep.gov/wra/wra/content/water-quality-improvement-grant-program>

From: Spoor, Matthew <mspoor@pinellas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>; Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>; Hammer Levy, Kelli <klevy@pinellas.gov>
Subject: RE: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Jeremy,

Following up on this, I have reached out to my state contacts at DEP asking for more information on the septic to sewer grant program.

If anyone has any additional information, please feel free to share. I will share what I hear.

Thanks,
Matt

From: Spoor, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:47 PM
To: Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>; Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>; Hammer Levy, Kelli <klevy@pinellas.gov>
Subject: RE: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Thanks for sharing. Let me get some info, agreed!!!!

From: Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:45 PM
To: Spoor, Matthew <mspoor@pinellas.gov>; Silverboard, Jill

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Subject: Re: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

Fyi.....there were many septic-to-sewer projects vetoed.

If we are being directed to FDEP, let's find out how to get those dollars. I have \$20 million in shovel ready septic-to-sewer projects that need funding.

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From: Spoor, Matthew <mspoor@pinellas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:32:21 PM

To: Silverboard, Jill <jsilverboard@pinellas.gov>; Hammer Levy, Kelli <klevy@pinellas.gov>; Waugh, Jeremy <jwaugh@pinellas.gov>

Subject: DeSantis cuts water projects, opioid funding as he signs budget

FYI- looks like we need to go after DEP funding...

DeSantis vetoes included roughly \$205 million in stormwater, wastewater and sewer projects across the state. The projects were requested by individual state lawmakers, typically at the request of their local governments.

DeSantis said that he didn't oppose the projects. He just wanted them funded a different way, where local communities ask for the money through the state Department of Environmental Protection. DeSantis said at least \$500 million is available in the state's program.

"All those needs will be met," he said.

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2024/06/12/desantis-florida-budget-vetoes-opioids-legislature-projects/>

Thanks,
Matt