

In FL & 3 MGD or Less? You Could Get Your Tanks Cleaned For *FREE!*



Settled Solids Management *Florida's Original Portable In-Service Grit Removal System*

Florida's Clean Water State Revolving Fund offers a unique opportunity to eliminate one of the biggest problems that Florida wastewater plants face - sand. If your daily flows are 3 MGD or less your plant may qualify to have up to **100% of the tank cleaning service paid in full by the state grant program** as long as the plant being cleaned remains **in service and full of water**. Even if you don't qualify for full coverage, the state may still pay for 50% of it through this program. Contact us today to learn more!

Eliminate Your Grit: visit SSM.Hydro-int.com or call **407.322.0330** or email SSM@Hydro-int.com

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FL Pays Up to 100% for Sand Removal for Plants <3 MGD Daily Flow

Why You Need to Remove Grit / Sand / Rags From Your Wastewater Tanks

Sand in your tanks raises operational costs dramatically by increasing blower and mixer time, additives needed to achieve effluent quality requirements, and maintenance time. Hydro International's Settled Solids Management Service was designed specifically to remove sand and grit from Florida WWTPs. Our Sand Dragon process eliminates one of the biggest challenges Florida plants face - sand.

Most Florida plants with Daily Flows less than 3 MGD qualify to have 50% of the costs to remove grit from their tank paid for by the state. Many qualify to have 100% paid by the state.

Who Qualifies for 50% Match from the State of Florida?

- Florida Publicly Owned Treatment Works with flows less than 3 MGD

Who Qualifies for 100% Match from the State of Florida?

- Florida Publicly Owned Treatment Works with flows less than 3 MGD
- Located in or serving counties defined as a "Rural Area of Opportunity"

What Will You Need to get This Done?

- A tank cleaning service company that can clean your tanks **while they remain in operation**
- A completed 1-page grant application form (We can help with this!)
- Sand and grit in your tank that is at least 10% of tank volume
- An aerial photo of the tanks that need cleaning (a screen capture from Google Maps is typically enough)
- **Most Importantly - CALL US TODAY TO GET STARTED! 407.322.0330**

Which Counties Are Defined As Rural Areas of Opportunity? (100% Match)

Laws and definitions are always changing, so you will need to verify with the state whether your plant qualifies, but if your plant is in the following counties - you most likely do qualify!

- Bradford
- Calhoun
- Columbia
- DeSoto
- Dixie
- Flagler
- Franklin
- Gadsden
- Gilchrist
- Glades
- Gulf
- Hamilton
- Hardee
- Henry
- Highlands
- Holmes
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Lafayette
- Levy
- Liberty
- Madison
- Okeechobee
- Putnam
- Suwannee
- Taylor
- Union
- Wakula
- Walton
- Washington

We can clean most types of wastewater tanks while the tank remains full of water and operating.

Contact Florida DEP for Additional SRF Grant Information:

Timothy Banks, P.E - (850) 245-2969 - Administrator - FL Department of Environmental Protection - Clean Water State Revolving Fund 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., M.S.3505 - Tallahassee, FL 32399. Alternative Contact: **Michael Issacson - (850) 245-2928**

Grit in your tanks costs you money everyday, you might qualify to have it removed for free!

Summary of the Wording from the Statute

The following is the proviso language from the State of Florida's 2017 legislative appropriation that authorizes sand and grit removal from publicly owned wastewater systems. From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1605, \$2,000,000 is provided to publicly owned utilities to remove sand and grit from wastewater treatment plants with daily flow less than 3 MGD and must remain in operation during cleaning to avoid the discharge of untreated wastewater. The department shall coordinate the selection and administration of projects. Funds shall be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis and require a local match of at least 50 percent, with the exception that the local match shall be waived by the department if:

- 1) The public utility is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity pursuant to section 288.0656, Florida Statutes;
- 2) The public utility is located in a county that has a poverty level equal to or greater than 20 percent as defined by the most recent federal census; or,
- 3) The public utility is located in and wholly serves a municipality that has a poverty level equal to or greater than 25 percent as qualified by the municipality and such qualification is accepted by the department.

To avoid unnecessary work, we have a policy that the sand and grit in the tank must be at least 10 percent of the tank volume. The local government will need to provide at least two quotes or document the effort to obtain quotes. (Note that larger projects may require a formal bid process.) In addition to the documentation of the sand and grit volume and the quotes, we need a completed grant information form, the location of the tanks (an aerial photograph of the site denoting the tanks meeting this criterion is acceptable) and proof of insurance.