



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1253

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is to establish an alternative water supply for the City of Ocala's potable water customers at Water Treatment Plant no. 2. This project would cover the cost to purchase emergency generator and associated equipment. By moving from the Upper Floridan to the Lower Floridan this reduces the impact to the Silver Springs spring shed.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Project would be tabled until grant funds are available to assist.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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### Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

**11. Status of Construction**

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025

**12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

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**13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will cover portions of Phase V-a of this project to purchase emergency generator and associated equipment.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

This project will reduce the amount of water withdrawal from the Upper Floridan aquifer (UFA) and move to the Lower Floridan aquifer (LFA) which is considered to be a suitable alternative water supply.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Funds will cover the Phase V-a of this project which is the purchasing of emergency generator and associated equipment.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?



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By moving towards the LFA as a source of potable drinking water, the City would be limiting the amount of water being withdrawn from the UFA. This new source will decrease the negative impact on the Silver Springs by dramatically increasing the springs' water levels.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

Target population would be City of Ocala's water service territory customers which is approximately 65,000 individuals.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

The current well field is approximately 2 miles from Silver Springs which is considered to be a first magnitude springs. This well field is hydraulically connected while the new well field is unconnected hydraulically to Silver Springs.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

Standard penalties, bonding requirements, and state/federal license requirements.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

### Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

#### 18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) SJRWMD Cost-Share Grant Program
- N/A

#### 19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

#### 20. What is the status of construction?

#### 21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

#### 22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?