



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3482

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Port LaBelle is one of the fastest growing areas in Hendry County with 310 homes being built in 2022, 187 homes built in 2023 as of August 1, and 650 homes having active permits and applications. From 2017-2021 there was a 68% increase in the number of potable water service connections.
 The Port LaBelle Utility System (PLUS) Water Treatment Plant (WTP) needs a potable water ground storage tank with high service pump station and disinfection facilities along with watermain piping to serve the Banyan Village section of PLUS. This project is needed to provide additional potable water storage in Banyan Village due to the rapid growth in this community of Port LaBelle and for fire protection in case the potable water supply from the PLUS WTP that serves this community is disrupted.

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	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

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)	8,000,000	96%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	309,659	4%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	8,309,659	100%

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.**

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



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Yes

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

Cares Act Funds \$7,332,515.00
 FHFC Funds \$186,549.70
 E911 State Board \$36,000.00
 HHS Stimulus \$25,418.81
 FAA Covid Funds \$81,372.00
 Emergency Housing Vouchers \$33,960.00
 ARPA \$4,081,140.50

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Hendry County

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	construction and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Redundancy. To provide additional potable water storage with high service pump station and disinfection facilities and associated water main piping in the rapidly growing Banyan Village community of Port LaBelle.

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

Construction and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services

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

Redundancy in the form of maintaining potable water service and fire protection.

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

The Banyan Village community in Port LaBelle

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

Redundancy. Maintain potable water supply and fire protection to the residents of the Banyan Village community in Port LaBelle.
The ability to maintain potable water service and fire protection to residents in Banyan Village if the water main linking Port LaBelle proper and the isolated community of Banyan Village is broken and until said water main can be repaired.

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?

Revocation of funding to the State.

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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

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)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- 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?