



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1337

1. Title of Project: Fort Myers Reclaimed Water Expansion Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. Date of Submission: 02/12/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

\$19M for construction of the reclaimed water expansion project in support of the City of Fort Myers/Cape Coral water agreement adopted by both cities in 2018. The agreement allows the City of Fort Myers to produce and provide reclaimed water to supplement Cape Coral's irrigation and fire suppression network and reduce the City of Fort Myers discharge of reclaimed water into the Caloosahatchee River. Estimated project planning/design cost are \$2 million.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	17,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	19,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	19,000,000	71.7%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	7,500,000	28.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	26,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Design completion	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of reclaimed water production and deep injection wells.	17,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		19,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To produce reclaimed water to supplement Cape Coral's irrigation and fire suppression network and reduce the City of Fort Myers discharge of reclaimed water in the Caloosahatchee River.

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

Completion of design and construction of the reclaimed water infrastructure at the City of Fort Myers' South Waste Water Treatment Facility. The project also includes connecting to the pipeline infrastructure that Cape Coral is constructing to the East river edge to provide for delivery of the reclaimed water to Cape Coral.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The reduction of treated wastewater into the Caloosahatchee River continues the City's mission of providing environmentally sound water management practices. In addition, reclaimed water is an economically viable and environmentally sustainable practice for the long term benefit for both cities. This program provides additional alternative irrigation water services to Cape Coral residents to aid in their water shortages.

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

City of Fort Myers residents- 80,123 City of Cape Coral residents-183,365

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

Reduction of discharged treated wastewater to the Caloosahatchee River which will be measured by the number of gallons delivered to the City of Cape Coral and stored in injection wells.

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 in the contract?

The City would have to revise the existing Effluent Discharge permit from DEP

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the



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relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

City of Fort Myers Utility System

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Fort Myers
- b. **County:** Lee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Richard Moulton, MBA
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?



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- 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

18. What is the status of construction? The design for the project is 90% completed

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2022