



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3240

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Extension of the City of St. Cloud's potable water distribution system to provide safe drinking water and fire fighting water to approximately 52 residential lots within the historic African American Whitted Neighborhood located in the Narcoossee area of Osceola County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,450,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,450,000

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)	1,450,000	63%
Matching Funds		
Federal	850,000	37%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Unfortunately, there are no known local or regional programs that address the lack of modern utilities for this now isolated historic African American neighborhood.

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

Yes

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



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\$72,985,227 for revenue replacement; \$65,565,652 for public safety payroll; \$2,862,023 for individual, family, and business assistance; \$20,323,665.9 for emergency rental assistance; \$1,794,426.12 for PPE.

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?

7/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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.

The potable water system will be owned by the City of St. Cloud and the Toho Water Authority operates the utility system for the City. The Toho Water Authority provides water and wastewater treatment and distribution for properties within Osceola County, the City of Kissimmee, and the City of St. Cloud.

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	Surveying, design, permitting and construction of a potable water system, along with payment of System Development Charges and administrative fees to the Toho Water Authority.	1,450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,450,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Design and permitting activities will be provided by an engineering consulting firm, construction will be provided by a contractor, and the operation and maintenance of the completed potable water system will be provided by the Toho Water Authority, all in order to provide safe drinking water and fire fighting water to 52 residential lots within the Whitted Neighborhood.

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

The residents of the Whitted Neighborhood will be provided with safe, purified drinking water and fire fighting water to allow the Osceola County Fire Department to provide better fire fighting services to these residents.

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

The population of the Whitted Neighborhood is approximately 145 residents, who all will be serviced by the potable water system.

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

The benefit of this project will be to provide safe and purified drinking water to the 52 residential lots within the Whitted Neighborhood. In addition, the potable water system and fire hydrants will provide sufficient fire fighting water which will reduce insurance rates for the existing residents in the neighborhood. Success will be measured by the completion of water system, clearance for use by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, ownership of the water system by the Toho Water Authority, and connection of the residential units to the potable water system.

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?

Re-payment of funds received by local agency should the water system not be constructed, cleared for use by FDEP, and accepted for maintenance by the Toho Water Authority.

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)



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- 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

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)
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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?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?