



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3284

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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 | 2,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,500,000 |

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) | 2,500,000 | 3% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 10,000,000 | 14% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 1,250,000 | 2% |
| Local | 60,000,000 | 81% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 73,750,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2022-23 | | 1,250,000 | | No |

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.

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

Yes



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

The City spent and/or allocated \$15,759,486.00 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act. This funding was utilized for Affordable Housing Projects and allocated toward the Water Plant Expansion project.

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?

2/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2/1/25

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 City of Fort Myers owns the Water Treatment Plant, and will be the direct recipient of any assistance provided through this fixed capital outlay.

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 | The funds will be spent to construct and increase the capacity of the existing water treatment plant by 6 million gallons per day. This additional capacity supports the increasing need within the City of Fort Myers for additional utility support to match the growth in population. | 2,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,500,000 |

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?

The City will have the ability to treat and service an additional 6 million gallons per day of water, allowing an increase in distributed utilities to the citizens of Fort Myers. It will also mitigate potential loss of resources in the event of disaster, by increasing the availability of resources. The expansion will add and promote resiliency within the city.

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

Increased utility services, with fresh, potable water.

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

The citizens of Fort Myers will all be served by this expansion. The population is about 92,000.

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

The project is intended to increase the amount and pressure of safe, potable water that is distributed to the citizens of fort myers. This will be measured by the holding capacities of the tanks and the daily pounds per square inch (PSI) of distribution.

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?

repayment of funds

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



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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?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?