



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3467

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 expansion to provide additional plant capacity as rapid growth is expected to continue in the Port LaBelle area. This project would provide economic improvements, not only in Hendry County, but also in portions of adjacent Glades County, which is also served by the Port LaBelle Utility System.

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	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	15,000,000	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.

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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	Design, Permitting, Construction, and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Expansion of the water treatment plant to provide additional plant capacity as rapid growth is expected to continue in the Port LaBelle area.

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

Design, permitting, construction, and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services for the expansion of the PLUS WTP

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

The water treatment plant (WTP) improvements will provide additional water plant capacity to accommodate growth in Port LaBelle and as result will increase or improve economic activity in Port LaBelle. Currently the WTP is nearing its current permitted capacity and expansion of the WTP is necessary. The WTP improvements will provide additional potable water storage which will provide redundancy as there is currently only one water storage tank.

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

Users within the Port LaBelle Utility service area of both Glades and Hendry Counties. There are over 10,000 platted residential lots 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?

Increased water treatment plant capacity and storage. Documented by a FDEP permit and reporting volumes of treated water.

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

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)



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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?