



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3513

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will ensure an adequate water supply and meet fire flow requirements for the historic predominantly African-American Harlem community located adjacent to the southern Clewiston city limits. For decades, the entire area has been served by the City's public utilities systems with portions of the water system installed as early as the 1940's. The project will replace one of the oldest cast iron pipe material water service lines in the heart of the neighborhood along Della Tobias Street. To accomplish fire protection enhancement, appropriately spaced fire hydrants will be installed along the new 8-inch diameter PVC material water main lines which will replace existing undersized 4-inch diameter water lines. Lines will be properly looped as well to provide improved circulation, pressure and freshness of water in the vicinity and will eliminate the current need for frequent line flushing activities plaguing system operations.

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	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,700,000

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)	1,700,000	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	1,700,000	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.

The City did not receive any direct funding. The City received funding indirectly from Hendry County for eligible expenses to fund public safety salaries in the amount of \$890,000.

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	Construct approximately 5,700 lf of 8-inch diameter PVC water main lines which will enhance service to existing customers while providing adequate water pressure and include installation of properly spaced fire hydrants to meet necessary flow standards for fire protection capabilities. The new lines will replace existing 4-inch diameter cast iron pipe material lines originally installed in the 1940's.	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,700,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Funding will ensure an adequate water supply and meet fire flow requirements in the Harlem community which is located outside the city limits but has been served by the City utilities for decades. The project will replace one of the oldest cast iron pipe material water service lines in the heart of the community along one of its main thoroughfares. The fire flow requirement enhancement will allow for the provision of better service and protection in the community as it is included in the Eastern Hendry Fire District response area which is the service responsibility of the Clewiston Fire & Rescue Department.

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

The City commissioned an analysis by a third party engineering firm to evaluate the need and scope of the project which included the preferred option for completing the required improvements to the water lines and related service enhancements in the affected area. Although the City consistently meets mandated water quality standards in the existing system, the aged condition of the existing cast iron lines requires considerable maintenance and frequent line flushing activities which result in the inherent "wasting" of potable water. The project will eliminate this need for loss of resources through improved materials and additional looping of lines.

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

The project will positively impact public health, safety and welfare by improving the capabilities for the provision of an adequate and reliable water supply and meet fire flow safety requirements for the affected area. With the state permitted City water supply system as the source, the general public has the assurance that the water supply meets all applicable state and federal drinking water quality standards.

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

All area residents and businesses served by the enhanced water system improvements proposed will benefit from the replaced water lines and fire hydrants. An estimated 800 people will be positively impacted upon project completion with residual benefits to the balance of the Harlem community.

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

The project will positively impact public health, safety and welfare by improving the capabilities for the provision of an adequate water supply and more adequately meet fire flow safety requirements for the affected area. The City can measure the frequency, quantity and resulting losses from current water line flushing activities which positively impacts operating costs and contributes to lowering the amount of groundwater resources needed from wells that supply the City's Reverse Osmosis water treatment plant. The City also documents and is capable of tracking customer feedback and particularly concerns about the water services rendered.

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?

Subject to state permitting requirements, the City would be obligated to follow existing procurement guidelines and contracting document approvals which are designed to ensure contractor performance. State contracts likewise provide for local government compliance in the use of public funds originating from the state. As these are public investments in infrastructure and provided that the City uses the funds appropriately under state agency oversight, no penalties should be incurred.

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



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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**

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)



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N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

Ready for design, permitting & procurement steps then construction with approved funding

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025