



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1666

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

4. Project/Program Description

Due to growth in population, the City's sewer system lacks capacity to support new demand. As such, in 2023, the City contracted with a 3rd party engineer to study existing & future sewer system conditions. The consultant identified several projects the City should pursue to ensure adequate sewer service for future residential, industrial, commercial, and educational users - totaling \$24,800,000 in sewer infrastructure improvements over the next two years. This will allow development to continue in the North Auburndale area. This includes development near key State facilities such as FDOT's SunTrax Automated Vehicle Testing Facility, Florida Polytechnic University, and the Tenoroc Public Use Area. The City does not have sufficient impact/connection fees to fund these sewer infrastructure improvements, totaling approximately \$7.3 million.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,430,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,430,000

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)	2,430,000	10%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	22,370,000	90%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	24,800,000	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? Yes
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Local

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.

Received approximately 8.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, to supplement lost revenue used to fund infrastructure.

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.

City of Auburndale (Government entity) is both owner and entity.

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	Funds are requested for construction of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant's Southern Force Main Reroute and Effluent Disposal Sprayfield design and construction.	2,430,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,430,000

14. Program Performance

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



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In 2023, the City conducted an evaluation of its wastewater treatment plant service area and determined the need to fund about \$24,800,000 in sewer infrastructure improvements over the next two years to allow development to continue in the North Auburndale area - including development near State facilities such as the SunTrax Automated Vehicle Testing Facility and Florida Polytechnic University. The City does not have sufficient impact/connection fees to fund these sewer improvements, totaling approximately \$7.3 million.

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

Safer and more adequate sewer system for citizens, thereby decreasing likelihood for sewer overflows within the service area while accommodating for existing and new growth near key State facilities such as SunTrax, Florida Polytechnic University, and the Tenoroc Public Use Area.

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

Increased sewer capacity to accommodate new industrial, commercial, residential, and educational users.

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

Approximately 10,000 customers are served by the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Outcomes include improved economic growth, physical health, education, environment, and wastewater management. Outcomes will be measured by readiness to serve new (i.e. one or more) residential, industrial, commercial, and educational users with needed sewer infrastructure - leading to increases of high-wage/high-tech jobs and housing stock within service area; and absence of (i.e zero) sanitary sewer overflows within the service area.

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?

Standard funding penalties would apply due to the nature of this construction project. No additional penalties are suggested.

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



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- 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)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- 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?



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