



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2243

1. Project Title Florida Governmental Utility Authority - Lehigh Acres Utility System WTP No. Nanofiltration

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 02/28/2023

4. Project/Program Description

It is the FGUA Board of Directors desire to convert Lehigh Acres Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) No. 1 from a current lime softening process to a nanofiltration process in order to improve water quality and reliability while also lowering annual operating costs from lime sludge disposal.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	470,588
Total State Funds Requested	470,588

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	470,588	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	470,588	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	941,176	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.

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

No

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



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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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/28/2025

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.

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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	Capital Project Administration not-to-exceed 5% of the total project and Inspection Services not-to-exceed 5% of construction	47,059
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	Construction. Convert Lehigh Acres Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) No. 1 from a current lime softening process to a nanofiltration process in order to improve water quality and reliability while also lowering annual operating costs from lime sludge disposal.	423,529
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		470,588

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?



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

Better water quality for residents and future growth.

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

Citizens of Lehigh Acres who would benefit from improved water quality and reliability due to a new nanofiltration process.

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

Improve physical health, protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.), and improve drinking water quality. Water pressure sampling.

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?

Failure to utilize the funds in the specified manor shall result in funds being returned to the State.

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)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number



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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?