



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2511

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The successful implementation of the FL-26 Newberry to Gainesville Economic Connectivity Corridor Project will provide increased water quantity and quality, further advancing economic development between the University of Florida, unincorporated Alachua County, and the City of Newberry. Construction of the proposed elevated storage tank will provide sufficient storage and pressure to facilitate the immense economic development opportunities through the area.

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

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)	1,000,000	64%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	566,178	36%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,566,178	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$3,120,818.00 - Revenue Recovery

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?

08/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/2025

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.

City of Newberry - Local Government

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	Construction of 500,000-gallon elevated water tank.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

To facilitate the immense economic development opportunities between the University of Florida, unincorporated Alachua County and Newberry. Provide opportunities to create and sustain job growth while providing an economic corridor between Newberry and Gainesville, and drive the need to expand available drinking water service. The addition of a new elevated tank will also provide adequate fire protection for proposed development.

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



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Construct 500,000 gallon, elevated water tank.

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

Providing sufficient storage and pressure that will facilitate the immense economic development opportunities between the University of Florida, unincorporated Alachua County and Newberry will result in job creation.

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

City of Newberry - population 7,342
 Remaining Alachua County population - 271,126

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

This project will create positive economic impacts across Newberry and Alachua County. The return on investment in tax collection and fulltime sustainable employment will create a positive net return for the state of Florida. This could be measured by economic growth, unemployment rates and an increase in taxable revenue.

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?

Withholding payment, corrective action plan, termination of agreement, and FDEP permitting requirements.

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?