



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2788

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Regional water supply project that will transfer up to 1.44 billion gallons of water stored in a reservoir in Charlotte County to Cape Coral's freshwater canal system each year for fire suppression and lawn irrigation purposes. Engineering design and permits are complete for construction of a 4-mile-long water main and pump station. The City is purchasing the reservoir property and a 20 year water use permit was obtained from the Water Management District.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

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)	5,000,000	17%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	25,000,000	83%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	5,000,000	SB2500	No

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.**

Grants and local funding

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

Yes



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

ARPA funding \$25.4 million for 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

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 Cape Coral

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase of a privately-owned abandoned mine property that is storing excess surface water and construction of a water transmission main and pump station to transport the water to Cape Coral's freshwater canal system.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

### 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?**

The additional water resources will reduce the demand on the underlying Floridian Aquifer thus maintaining a more sustainable irrigation water resource for the SWFL region.

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

Irrigation water supply for lawn watering and fire protection purposes.

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

City of Cape Coral residents (more than 200,000 people) will be directly served by the additional irrigation water supply. Maintaining water level in the aquifer will benefit residents of Lee and Charlotte Counties.

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

The additional water resources will reduce the demand on the underlying Floridian Aquifer thus maintaining a more sustainable irrigation water resource for the SWFL region. The measure is freshwater canal levels being more static especially during the dry season. The City of Cape Coral is also working with the Charlotte Flatwoods Initiative to help drain the over saturated Cecil Webb Wildlife Management Area and provide water to the dry Yucca Pens (State of Florida property). Both environmentally sensitive areas will see improved conditions due to this project.

**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?**

Return 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)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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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?