



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3039

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds requested will be used for purchase/installation of digital water meter equipment/software. Upgrades will be applied to the entire existing municipal water system in the City. These upgrades will reduce the cost of system operation and allow for resources to be refocused on maintenance and other regularly occurring improvements. With significant cost increases over the last few years and impacts of ongoing Hurricane Michael recovery, this project will help prevent utility rate increases.

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	506,608
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	506,608

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)	506,608	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	506,608	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.

ARPA - \$448,264 received. \$194,426 used for WWTP improvements and remaining balance allocated to City needs within the Govt. and Infrastructure Funds. | CARES Act - \$134,098.89 received. Funds used for first responder payroll, a rapid response vehicle for the City fire department, and fire department equipment. | CDBG-CV - \$1,426,659 in federal pass through grant funds received. Funds to be used to improve City's community center to better serve residents in public health emergencies.

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.

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	Purchase & Installation of digital water meter equipment and associated software, including minor upgrades to existing in-house billing system.	506,608
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		506,608

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?

Funds will be used for purchase/installation of digital water meter equipment/software. The improvements to the City's water system will allow for the continued provision of adequate public water to all citizens' within the City.

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

All water customers within the City of Cottondale's jurisdiction will be benefited by improvements to the City's municipal water system.

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

This project will benefit all municipal water customers within the City. There are currently ~460 water customers.

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

The proposed upgrades will reduce the cost of system operation and allow for resources to be refocused on maintenance and other regularly occurring improvements. This will be measured by year over year operation and maintenance costs.

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 performance metrics and penalties to be outlined in resulting Agency Agreement.

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)



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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) Listed as unfunded or 'unmet need' in awarded CDBG-NR grant (no Agreement received yet)
- 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?