



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1277

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

To provide an adequate potable water supply and meet fire flow protection requirements for future development of the Airglades International Airport and the U.S. 27 highway corridor between the airport and the City of Clewiston's public water supply system, water infrastructure improvements are necessary. An appropriately designed direct line six inch in diameter water feed needs to be constructed from a connection point with Clewiston's water system to the Hendry County owned half million gallon water storage tank located at the airport. The estimated cost of the needed improvements is approximately \$4.0 million. The City of Clewiston requests legislative funding of this project and proposes it be completed in partnership with Hendry County in like manner to the wastewater force main project currently planned to serve the airport.

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

**State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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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Yes

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

The City did not receive any direct funding. The City received funding indirectly from Hendry County for eligible expenses to fund public safety salaries in the amount of \$890,000.

**11. 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	Construct approximately 43,000 linear feet of 6-inch water main from a connection point with the City of Clewiston's public water supply system and the existing Hendry County owned 500,000 gallon water storage tank located at the Airglades International Airport site. The City of Clewiston public water supply system includes an existing reverse osmosis water plant facility capable of producing 3.0 million gallons per day (mgd) which is more than adequate to meet the current and projected demand	4,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds are necessary to ensure the provision of an adequate potable water supply and meet fire flow requirements for future development of the Airglades International Airport and the U.S. 27 highway corridor between the airport and the City of Clewiston's existing public water supply system. This will allow for improved water services to the affected area and provide the opportunity for much needed economic development to occur in a fiscally constrained county consistently with among the highest unemployment rates in the state of Florida.

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

For any significant economic development to occur in this area, the installation of suitable infrastructure must be available to ensure an adequate water supply and that minimum fire flow requirements are met..

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

Installation of the water line improvements will positively impact public health, safety and welfare by improving the capabilities for the provision of an adequate water supply and meet fire flow requirements for the affected area.

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



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The target population to be served by this project will directly include the AIA site and the U.S. 27 highway corridor between the airport and the City of Clewiston. Directly the approximately 15,000 population in areas served with public water supply in Clewiston and significant portions of eastern Hendry County will be benefited by improved fire flows and water pressure as a result of this project. Indirectly, the entirety of Hendry County's 40,000 population and portions of nearby Glades County will benefit from the enhanced economic development potential created by this project which will boost private investment and the creation of employment opportunities for the entire region. This is a much needed outcome in a financially disadvantaged county & municipality for an area designated as a rural area of economic concern & a rural area of opportunity.

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

The expected benefits and outcomes of this project are improved public health, safety and welfare resulting from the installation of adequate potable water supply delivery system improvements to facilitate much needed economic development. The private economic investment and increased employment opportunities are anticipated to be very significant in a positive way for a rural Hendry County. As a result of this project, lower unemployment rates, higher prevailing wage rates and increased public sector revenues resulting from enhanced property values associated with new private investment are anticipated positive outcomes over time and are measurable.

**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?**

As these are public investments in infrastructure and provided that the City uses the funds appropriately under state agency oversight, no penalties should be incurred by the responsible local government agency.

**13. 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.**

The City of Clewiston would own, operate and be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance of the capital improvements constructed with the requested funding.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

**17. 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

**18. 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

**19. What is the status of construction?**

As no funding is currently available, construction of the project has not begun.

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0%

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/31/2024