



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1061

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

The City of Venice owns, operates, and maintains an existing 8.0 MGD, 5-stage Bardenpho process domestic wastewater treatment facility. All of the wastewater enters into the facility via two force mains, one that conveys flows from the City of Venice and one that conveys flows from Sarasota County. Currently, the facility does not have flow equalization which results in daily and seasonal variations in raw sewerage and pollutant loadings. The variations make the operation and control of the treatment processes more difficult and more costly than treating a more constant flow and loading rates. An equalization basin tank will allow the Operations staff to maintain a steady flow throughout the plant resulting in a more precise control over the process, enhancing the overall quality of the plant effluent. The tank will also allow staff to mitigate adverse impacts to the Bardenpho bacteriological process, and extreme weather events such as hurricanes.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>850,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850,000	14%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,150,000	86%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.
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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. 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?

12/15/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

City of Venice

11. 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.

The City of Venice owns, operates and maintains 8.0 MGD wastewater treatment facility

### 12. 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</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	The treatment facility was designed for typical process flow peaking factors and has no flow equalization, as a result it experiences typical daily and seasonal wet weather and storm variations in raw sewage flows and pollutant loadings. These variations can make operation and control of the WRF more difficult and, potentially, more costly than treating a more constant rate of flow. The construction of a 2.8 Million Gallons Equalization Basin will prevent short term high volumes storm event of i	850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>850,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Construction of a 2.8 Million Gallons Equalization Basin at the City of Venice Water Reclamation Facility.

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

The construction of this basin will prevent short term high volumes storm event of incoming peak flow that affect biological, physical, or chemical treatment systems. This ensures adequate process retention time, greater solids separation, and a more consistent loading for a higher degree of treatment.

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

Provide City residents enhanced treated reclaimed water for irrigation purposes while protecting the environment

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

The entire City of Venice will benefit from adding the equalization tank to the Water Reclamation Facility. Census Bureau 2020 population 24,465.

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

**Project Benefits:**

**Environmental Impact Reduction:** By stabilizing flow and load, equalization contributes to the improved performance of downstream treatment processes. This, in turn, results in higher-quality effluent and reduced environmental impact on receiving bodies of water.

**Cost Efficiency:** Though there are upfront costs associated with installing equalization facilities, the long-term economic benefits are significant. The regulated influent minimizes wear and tear on equipment, reduces the need for chemical treatments, and optimizes energy usage, leading to substantial savings over time.

**Enhanced System Reliability:** With fewer unexpected surges, the entire treatment system experiences reduced downtime and operational interruptions, translating to better overall reliability. Benefits of this project will be measured by daily process control data, operational permit requirements and costs savings.

**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 in the contract?**

Additional reports will determine what is needed to meet the deliverables. If deliverables cannot be completed, then the return of the funds will be necessary.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

**Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.**

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- Resilient Florida Grant Program
- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?



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Currently under design

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

0%

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

06/30/2027

**22. Requester Contact Information**

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b. **Municipality and County** Sarasota  
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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