



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1259

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Project is for the expansion of the Authority's regional transmission system through the construction of two (2) large diameter regional drinking water transmission pipelines (20.3 miles total). The two segments include the extension of the regional drinking water transmission system that conveys wholesale drinking water to Charlotte, DeSoto, and City of North Port (Phase 2B) and the extension of the regional drinking water transmission system that conveys wholesale drinking water to Sarasota County (Phase 3C).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	21,170,000	88%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	24,170,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	2,500,000	1732A	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/02/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2026

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

The Authority charges its members and customers fixed and variable fees, which pay for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the project.

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 Authority is an independent special district that was formed through an interlocal agreement between Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties. None of the members will receive any fixed capital outlay funding.

12. 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		
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	The requested \$3,000,000 will be spent on the construction of the proposed facilities.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Construction of the 20.3 miles of regional drinking water transmission lines will extend the regional drinking water transmission system that conveys drinking water from alternative water supplies to Charlotte, DeSoto, and Sarasota Counties. One segment, the Phase 2B pipeline, will improve regional drinking water system reliability, meet growing water needs in northern and western Charlotte County and facilitate future regional interconnects. The second segment, Phase 3C Pipeline, will improve regional water system reliability, support growing water needs in northern Sarasota County and facilitate future installation of the final segment of regional pipeline connecting Manatee County with the Regional Water Supply System.

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

Construction of 13 miles of 42" diameter water transmission pipeline to improve water system reliability and support growing water demands in Charlotte County (Phase 2B), and construction of 7.5 miles of 42" diameter potable water transmission pipeline and pumping and storage facilities to improve water system reliability and support growing water demands in Sarasota County (Phase 3C).

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

This Project delivers a reliable and safe drinking water supply for public health, safety and welfare of the residents and economic growth of the region consisting of Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

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

The four-county region comprising the Authority's service area has a population of approximately 1,100,000 residents. The Authority's regional water supply system interconnects utilities serving the majority of that population. In 2024 approximately 31 million gallons per day of drinking water was supplied to the region from Authority facilities to meet growing drinking water supply needs and support public health and economic growth.

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

This Project provides reliable water supply infrastructure to the region for economic development and public health and safety. The project enhances regional water supply resiliency to disasters such as drought, floods, hurricanes, and climate change. The outcome will be measured through improving water supply availability, resiliency of the system during emergencies, and maintaining the current high standards for drinking water quality.

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?

The Authority will return funding should the deliverables not be met.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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



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No, but intends to apply

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) native Water Supply Grants

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



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19. What is the status of construction?

Ongoing

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

50%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2026

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b. Municipality and County DeSoto

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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