



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1265

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of New Port Richey's Wastewater Treatment Facility has a treatment capacity of 7.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The plant provides effluent meeting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) classification of Part III – Slow-Rate Public Access Reuse Systems under FAC 62-610, in which all treated effluent currently is disposed through the City's Master Urban Reuse System and the Pasco County Master Reuse System. This treatment process consist of four oxidation ditches (denitrification) basins and one Schreiber treatment system. This Schreiber system provides a treatment capacity of 1.5 MGD, includes a denitrification basin, an internal clarifier and was constructed in the 1980s. The unit is beyond its designed typical lifespan and is currently limited in operational capacity. The proposed project would convert the existing Schreiber system to a standard 2 stage oxidation ditch to operate similarly to the current systems. Thus increase capacity back 7.5 MGD

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	5,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,700,000

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)	5,700,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,900,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	7,600,000	100%

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?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2026

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

Ongoing operations once project is completed will be funded through the City's Utility fund and through the inter local agreement with Pasco County.

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.

City of New Port Richey and Pasco County

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 construction for the Schreiber Process Modification at the WWTF will involve the conversion of the existing treatment basin, and include the installation of a vertical swing gate, walkway bridge, clarifier modification equipment, electrical conduit and replace piping.	5,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,700,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The goal is to expand the capacity of the wastewater treatment facility and enhance its treatment processes. This will help ensure more efficient processing of wastewater, leading to cleaner water being returned to the environment. Thus, promoting public health, supporting environmental sustainability, resiliency and contributing to a higher quality of life for residents. Additionally, these upgrades will help the facility meet growing demands, protect local water sources.

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

The construction for the Schreiber Process Modification at the WWTF will involve the conversion of the existing treatment basin, and include the installation of a vertical swing gate, walkway bridge, clarifier modification equipment, electrical conduit and replace piping. Increasing the treatment capacity by 1.5 MGD to a total of 7.5 MGD.

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

Increase treatment process and capacity will allow for future developments, improve resiliency during storm events, improve wetlands conditions.

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

This project will serve the City of New Port Richey's utility customers, Pasco County's and the City of Port Richey's utility customers

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

Enhanced treatment process will reduce the spread of illness and infections, protect public health, and create a healthier living environment for the community. Improve wetlands and surface water by ensuring that harmful pollutants, nutrients, and chemicals are effectively removed and treatment process is more resilient
 Increase treatment process and capacity will allow for more development and increase in home values
 These benefits can be reviewed and measured through the following:
 2028 Florida Department of Health,
 Local Healthy Beaches Program Report provided by Florida Department of Health
 Pasco County Property Appraiser

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?

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,000 per day the project contract time limit is exceeded. Performance bond in the amount of the project bid.

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)

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



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19. What is the status of construction?

Planning

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

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23. Recipient Contact Information

a. **Organization** City of New Port Richey
 b. **Municipality and County** Pasco

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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