



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1378

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of the project will provide the withdrawal, storage, treatment and conveyance facilities necessary to meet regional drinking water needs through 2044 using alternative water supply. The facilities include a new intake and pump station on Peace River, a new 9 billion gallon above ground raw water reservoir, pump station and conveyance piping to send water to the water treatment plant and the addition of 24 MGD of treatment capacity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,000,000

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)	7,000,000	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	27,000,000	16%
Local	134,000,000	80%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	168,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	10,000,000	1705A	No

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

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The Authority has historically received 50% funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. As a result of the SWFWMD's decreased revenues and reserves, this percentage of funding has decreased and is expected to be approximately 25%. If cooperative funding is not received from the State, the Authority's customers contribution will be an increased share the project.



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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?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2028

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

The Authority charges its members and a customer a fixed rate and variable use rate, which pay for the ongoing operations and maintenance, and debt service 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 Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply 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. 100% of funding will be applied to project capital costs.

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 \$7 million will be spent on the construction of the project.	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,000,000

13. 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?

The construction of approximately \$531 Million in capital infrastructure to provide an additional 24 MGD of drinking water to the region to meet growing water supply demands with an alternative water supply through 2040.

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

This Project provides a reliable and safe drinking water supply for public health, safety and welfare for the residents of Charlotte, DeSoto, and Sarasota Counties. In the future, drinking water will also be provided to the residents of Manatee County.

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 connects to utilities serving most of that population and in 2024, approximately 31 MGD of drinking water was supplied from Authority facilities to meet regional public drinking water needs. This Project will provide an additional 24 MGD to the region to meet rapidly increasing water demands of our members through 2040.

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 resilient water supply infrastructure to the region to meet future potable water supply demands for economic development and public health and safety. It 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 and maintaining the current high standards for drinking water quality under all foreseeable conditions. In addition, by using an alternative water supply, the Authority is able to avoid groundwater withdrawals in a region that is in a Water Use Caution Area.

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?

Should deliverables not be met, the Authority will repay the funds.

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 Grant

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?

Construction Early Works packages and Owner Direct Purchase of equipment will begin in April.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2028

22. Requester Contact Information

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 For Profit Entity
 Non Profit 501(c)(3)
 Non Profit 501(c)(4)
 Local Entity
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 Other (please specify)

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