



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1382

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

During the unprecedented 2024 hurricane season, the City's Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) experienced record high influent flows. The WRF treats an average of 6.5 million gallons per day (MGD); The WRF was inundated with peak flows as high as 30 MGD during multiple severe weather events completely overwhelming the capacity of the facility. Of additional concern was that the flow remained elevated at +15 MGD for weeks after each storm passed, while the rainfall worked its way through the City's collection system. This led to several bypass events where partially treated wastewater was released into the Manatee River. The wet-weather storage upgrade described below will ensure that the facility is adequately equipped for future post-storm recovery. Additionally, the City is currently funding the construction of a 2MG clarifier and an additional filter to add treatment capacity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</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)	2,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

12/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2026

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

The Off Line Storage Pond will be located at the City's WRF. Maintenance and operations of the pond will be part of the plant staff's daily responsibility including inspection, monitoring, cleaning, etc. Funding for staff and maintenance is a recurring annual expense in the City's Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund.

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 Bradenton and the City's Water Reclamation Facility will be the owner and operator of all the improvements.

### 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	Construction, excavation, lining and piping of new 3 million gallon pond.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The hydraulic capacity of the WRF has several limiting factors, one of them being off line storage when severe weather events impacts the City. One of the most cost effective ways to provide additional storage capacity while the plant recovers from severe weather is an off line pond (3 million gallons) where partially treated wastewater may be stored for a short duration of time. The partially treated flow can then be sent back through the treatment train to provide complete treatment prior to discharge, eliminating the partially treated discharge from reaching the Manatee River.

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

With the severe weather experienced in the City in calendar year 2024, in excess of 150,000,000 gallons of partially treated or untreated flow, was bypassed through the plant or overflowed in the collection system and entered the ecosystem of the Manatee River. The ability to capture and store some of the excess flow in the off line storage pond at treatment plant, gives the plant the opportunity to fully treat the waste prior to being discharged; fully treated waste is of reclaimed quality and meets the permitted conditions with tertiary treatment including filtration and disinfection before discharge.

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

The direct service or impact to all citizens in the County is improved water quality in the Manatee River. Fully treated effluent reduces the nutrient load to the river, i.e. nitrogen and phosphorus, which creates an environment conducive to algae growth; and with complete filtration, reduces the suspended sediments in the effluent that can negatively impact the sea grass and fish communities in the river. Improved water quality makes economic sense for the local residents, businesses, and the tourists we welcome every year.

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

The entire county population (+/-400K) is impacted by the water quality in the Manatee River. The effluent discharge from the WRF goes directly to the Manatee River. When partially treated discharge reaches the river, swimming and fishing prohibitions are immediately posted. As a tourist driven market, disruption to the river creates havoc for eco-sports in the county, impacting paychecks for the locals, vacation time and spending for the tourists, and income to the business community.

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

The expected benefit is improved water quality in the Manatee River and fewer unauthorized discharges and SSO events. The City is required to report unauthorized discharges and SSO to FDEP, a reduction in volume and number of events reported is the measure of improvement as well as the sampling in the river to show reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels in the effluent.

**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?**

Reversion of funds

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

**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):**

Idalia, Debby, Helene, Milton

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

- Yes, Applied



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- Yes, Received
- No
- 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)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

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

Design between 60-90%

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

0%

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

12/01/2026

**22. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**23. 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**  **Ext.**

**24. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**



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