



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1530

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

To build advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) facilities to achieve an effluent quality of 3 mg/l total nitrogen and 1 mg/l phosphorus. The reduction of nutrients in reuse water used for irrigation in the local area will help reduce formation of harmful algal blooms in the St. Lucie River estuary basin, a tributary to the Indian River Lagoon.

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

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)	5,000,000	7%
Matching Funds		
Federal	23,267,239	31%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	47,000,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	75,267,239	100%

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

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 Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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? 12/11/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/15/2026

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

City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department's Repair and Operations Budget.

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 Port St. Lucie is the owner and will be responsible for overseeing the facility.

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	Construction of treatment facilities for Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) effluent quality.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The reduction of nutrients in reuse water used for irrigation in the local area will help reduce formation of harmful algal blooms in the St. Lucie River estuary basin, a tributary to the Indian River Lagoon. It is required to provide advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) facilities to achieve an effluent quality of 3 mg/l total nitrogen and 1 mg/l phosphorus.

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

In order to meet the intended goals, we are upgrading the existing aeration basin, adding denitrification system, and three reject water tanks.

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



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The direct services involve collecting wastewater and treating it to produce high-quality effluent that meets new standards, improving water quality in the St. Lucie River Basin.

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

The City of Port St. Lucie residents and a portion of St. Lucie County residents are the target population. Expected individuals to be served are an estimated 101,250.

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

The expected outcome is to provide advanced wastewater treatment (AWT) facilities to achieve an effluent quality of 3 mg/l total nitrogen and 1 mg/l phosphorus. Utility Systems Department is required to take daily measurements and report to DEP on both the nitrogen and phosphorus limits to ensure outcome is met.

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?

Return of the funding.

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

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



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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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.