



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1596

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

4. Project/Program Description

Due to tremendous growth, the City recently completed a re-rating of the WWTF in 2023 to a 1.0 MGP capacity. The 2025 expansion will increase the plant to 1.20 MGD. The increase in capacity will address the growth as well as the future septic to sewer programs - a benefit to the Silver Springs BMAP. The cost for the project is \$30,000,000, leaving a \$20,000,000 to be repaid. The City has increased utility rates, but there is a need for additional grant funding to offset the debt.

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	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	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	10,000,000	33%
Local	15,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	30,000,000	100%

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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for 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.

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 the new Wastewater Treatment Facility	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?

With a new facility features, the City will be able to continue to meet current state standards for treated wastewater and will be equipped to meet the future, more stringent, environmental standards. It will aid in the ability of the City to participate in Septic to Sewer projects inside of the City's territorial service area to the benefit of the Silver Springs Basic Management Action Plan (BMAP). Taking these septic systems out will improve environmental conditions in waterways.

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

The funds will go directly to the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion project to offset city debt and ease the burden on the citizens.



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

Citizens will have increased efficiency and capacity in the treatment facility, resulting in better services. The improved plant increases the city's ability to treat wastewater to excellent standards, increasing the quality of the groundwater that eventually reaches the Florida aquifer. Increased capacity will allow for more growth in the area, bringing new residents to Belleview.

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

The target population is new and existing residents in the Silver Springs BMAP area that are within Belleview's territorial service area. The BMAP area contains over 100,000 people.

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

A more efficient and improved plant will increase the city's ability to treat wastewater to higher standards meeting BMAP needs, increasing the quality of the groundwater that eventually reaches the Florida aquifer, and increased capacity to facilitate growth. The outcome is measured by the completion of the plant and ability to meet higher standards.

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?

Revocation of funds.

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



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- 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
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Pre-Construction/mobilization

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name

Christine

Last Name

Dobkowski



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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

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