



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1717

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Lowell area has been identified with soil contamination detected above FDEP's provisional cleanup target levels. Marion County has developed a concept plan to extend a centralized potable water system into the Lowell area which would provide clean drinking water to the citizens within the area, to include the State Fire College and other state-run facilities in the vicinity.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	35%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	3,500,000	48%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,250,000	17%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	7,250,000	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		
2024-25	0	3,500,000	1732A	No

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



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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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 12/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 03/01/2027

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

State appropriations and SRF loans.

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.

Marion County Utilities, a department of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners will receive the funding.

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	Construct a new 12-inch water line extension for approximately 35,513 feet or 6.73 miles in length with valves, fire hydrants and a water booster station which would bring clean drinking water to Lowell residents, the Florida State Fire College, and the other state-run facilities in the area.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of the project is to bring clean drinking water to Lowell residents, the Florida State Fire College, and the other state-run facilities in the area.

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



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The funds will be used to construct a new 12-inch water line extension for approximately 35,513 feet or 6.73 miles in length with valves, fire hydrants and a water booster station.

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

The project would provide a central potable water system which would eliminate the need of individual domestic and state-run water wells in the Lowell area.

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

The project will target residential and governmental well users located in the Lowell area of Marion County.

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

By providing a central potable water system, the residents and state-run facilities in the Lowell area would have the opportunity to disconnect from local wells and instead connect to municipal drinking water. The central water system also provides improved fire flow to the Lowell Area to improve fire protection. The county would measure the potable water connection rate in the Lowell area to include the Florida State Fire College, other state-run facilities, and property owners along the proposed water main route.

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?

Standard contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

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
- 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)?



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- 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

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



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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

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