



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1921

1. **Project Title** Minneola - Supporting Florida's Growing Communities: Expanding Wastewater Treatment Capacity

2. **Senate Sponsor** Keith Truenow

3. **Date of Request** 2/14/2025

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will expand the existing wastewater treatment plant's capacity by 2,400,000 gallons per day, enhancing its ability to manage and treat wastewater effectively. The expansion will support growing community needs, improve environmental sustainability, and ensure the facility can continue to meet regulatory standards while safeguarding public health and water quality.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	20,000,000

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)	20,000,000	31%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	45,000,000	69%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	65,000,000	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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/30/2028

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance of the project will be funded through customer usage fees, ensuring sustainable financial support for the facility's long-term performance and efficiency.

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 Minneola will own and oversee the facility, ensuring local management and accountability for its operation and maintenance.

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 funding request includes a portion of the costs for design, engineering, bidding assistance, construction, and construction management of a wastewater treatment facility expansion.	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		20,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this request is to provide residential, commercial, and industrial properties with reliable access to centralized wastewater treatment. This expansion will not only enhance environmental protection but also foster economic development by supporting growth in local communities and businesses. The goal will be achieved through the construction of a wastewater treatment plant expansion ensuring both sustainable infrastructure and improved quality of life for all stakeholders.

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



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Grant funds will be utilized to expand wastewater treatment services to residential, commercial, and industrial properties, including those currently using conventional septic tanks, as well as developers and builders at various stages of development. This expansion will ensure these properties have access to a reliable, centralized wastewater treatment system, supporting sustainable growth while meeting environmental and regulatory standards.

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

Funding will support the expansion of wastewater treatment services to existing properties with conventional septic tanks, as well as newly constructed residential, commercial, and industrial developments. This will ensure reliable wastewater collection and treatment, promoting public health, environmental protection, and sustainable growth. The expansion will also stimulate economic development and enhance local infrastructure.

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

The target population to be served by this project is the general public. Over 10,000 people are expected to be

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

This project will address current and future wastewater needs for residential, commercial, and industrial developments, helping to reduce urban sprawl, protect the environment, and stimulate economic growth through both redevelopment and new development. Success will be measured by the number of residential, commercial, and industrial properties that connect to the centralized wastewater treatment system, both now and in the future.

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?

The construction agreement with the contractor will include a liquidated damages clause to hold the contractor and their subcontractors accountable for any delays.

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:



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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)
- 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?

The project is currently under design.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2028



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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

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