



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2069

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

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Fort Myers is improving the Central Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility with the primary purpose of eliminating surface water discharges to the Caloosahatchee River Estuary. The deep injection well will allow the City to maintain regulatory guideline standards to maximize the efficiency and safety of the distributed water. All final effluent from the CAWWTF will be available for reclaimed water use and any excess will be discharged by deep well injection. Tn and Tp reductions to the Caloosahatchee River will, based on the well size, remove up to 876,000 pounds of Tn and up to 204,400 pounds of Tp per year.

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	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	18%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	23,000,000	82%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	28,000,000	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	20,000,000	0	DW360481	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

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?

June 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be budgeted and funded by the City of Fort Myers Water Treatment Plant 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 Fort Myers will own the Deep Injection Well and will be the direct recipient of any assistance provided through this fixed capital outlay.

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	Funding will be spent on materials and construction of the deep injection well designed to remove non-potable water from the system to work toward eliminating surface water discharges to the Caloosahatchee River Estuary.	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?



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Surface waters in the Caloosahatchee River Watershed are categorized as Class III waters, meaning it must be suitable for recreation and must support fish consumption and the propagation and maintenance of a healthy, well-balanced population of fish and wildlife. All final effluent will be available for reclaimed water use, and any excess will be discharged by deep well injection.

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

The deep water injection well will allow for the streamlined removal of waste concentrate, allowing the City of Fort Myers to provide clean, potable water to 96,000 residents and over 2.94M annual visitors.

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

The deep injection well will allow the City to maintain regulatory guideline standards to maximize the efficiency and safety of the distributed water. All final effluent from the Central Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility will be available for reclaimed water use and any excess will be discharged by deep well injection.

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

The construction of a deep injection well will directly benefit all 96,000 residents who call City of Fort Myers their home as well as the nearly 4.5M visitors that come to our great city each year. Eliminating non-potable surface water discharges to the Caloosahatchee River Estuary will also benefit the environment by providing safe conditions for the many fish and wildlife that utilize the waters to survive.

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

All final effluent will be available for reclaimed water use, and any excess will be discharged by deep well injection. Tn and Tp reductions to the Caloosahatchee River will, based on the well size, remove up to 876,000 pounds of Tn and up to 204,400 pounds of Tp per year. The resulting reduction in nutrient load will contribute to the water quality restoration goals delineated in the Caloosahatchee Estuary Basin Management Action Plan.

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?

In addition to the contracting agencies standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in a contract, the repayment of funds would be an additional suggested penalty.

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



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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)
- 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?



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In process

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

30%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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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