



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2177

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program aims to update aged and obsolete water meter infrastructure. The initial Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) project was completed in 2012. This project will replace all meters, migrating data collection to prioritize first responder cellular services. This is necessary to maintain accurate water sales information and low water loss rates per the American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards, which require water meters to be tested or replaced a 10 years of service. The new meter technology will have no moving parts and have a life span of 20 years.

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                          | 900,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>900,000</b> |

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)       | 900,000           | 8%          |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                   |             |
| Federal  | 0                 | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                 | 0%          |
| Local  | 11,100,000        | 92%         |
| Other  | 0                 | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>12,000,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(YYYY-YY) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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         |
|--|---|----------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |   |                |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |   | 0              |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0              |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0              |
| <b>Operational Costs</b>   |   |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Purchase of Meters City wide and associated software      | 450,000        |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Installations of Meters City wide and associated software | 450,000        |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      |   | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>900,000</b> |

**13. Program Performance**

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

Requested funds for this program are intended to replace aging and outdated water meters. This initiative aims to enhance metering accuracy, minimize system water loss, and improve data collection processes to prioritize cellular services for first responders. The funds will facilitate the acquisition and installation of digital water meter equipment and software and the implementation of upgrades throughout the city's municipal water system. Furthermore, the proposed upgrades will reduce operational costs and enable the reallocation of resources toward maintenance and ongoing improvements to the system.

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



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The activities and services that will be implemented to achieve the intended purpose of these funds include the following:  
 1. Replacement of all outdated water meters throughout the system; 2. Implementation of a data migration system that prioritizes cellular services for first responders; 3. Conducting testing and verification to ensure the accuracy of water meters after installation; 4. Continuous monitoring and scheduling of meter replacements in accordance with AWWA standards.

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

All customers will benefit from increased accuracy in water billing. There will be a reduction in unaccounted water loss, ensuring fair allocation of water costs. System reliability will be enhanced, with quicker data response times thanks to upgraded cellular infrastructure.

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

The target population includes all residents, businesses, and institutions within the jurisdiction that rely on the water system. The program is expected to serve approximately 19,437 customers.

**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 be measured by comparing year-over-year operation and maintenance expenses. Key benefits include: Improved accuracy in water usage and reduced water loss; Reduced operational Cost; Enhanced trust and satisfaction among customers. Methodology: Outcomes measured by Conducting regular water loss audits to assess system efficiency; Testing and verifying the accuracy of newly installed meters; Monitoring billing discrepancies and gather customer feedback post-implementation.

**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?**

Failure to meet deliverables might result in financial penalties, including a reimbursement clause for any significant delays in work, which will be enforced according to the severity of the situation.

**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?**

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**



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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.*