



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2188

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricane Idalia and subsequent storms have expedited the necessity to replace Otter Creek Bridge. The exposed water line is currently attached along the bridge, making it vulnerable to climatic conditions. The water line cannot be replaced in-kind based on FDOT standards. The funding will be used for a directional bore and placement of a new 500 foot water line underground, thereby enhancing the resiliency of the water system and providing continuous water service even during catastrophic events.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	500,000	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		

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.

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? 10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2028

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

The funding for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project will be sourced from monthly customer utility payments.

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 Panacea Area Water System (PAWS) Inc. will receive the fixed capital outlay. PAWS also owns the facility.

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	Engineering, construction, and inspection of the construction of 500 linear feet of new waterline.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

By using a directional bore to relocate the water line underground, the replacement water line will be shielded from direct exposure to severe weather conditions, such as high winds, flooding, and debris impact. Underground placement reduces the risk of physical damage and disruption caused by these natural events. The funds will be used to harden the water system, ensuring continuous and reliable service for PAWS customers even during catastrophic events.

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



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By using a directional bore, a new 500-foot water line can be installed underground, enhancing the system's resilience and protecting it from environmental hazards. The directional bore and replacement water line will be designed and permitted by an engineer and the system will be constructed and inspected by a state certified contractor.

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

Potable drinking water will be efficiently supplied to customers across Otter Creek Bridge, even during catastrophic events. Water quality will also be increased. The project will also enable water flow to 34 fire hydrants; thereby enhancing fire protection and safeguarding the public from potential fire-related hazards.

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

The project will serve the approximately 416 PAWS customers who live across Otter Creek Bridge.

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

Expected benefits of the project include improved water quality, improved water conservation, improved service during catastrophic events, and a reduction in maintenance and repair costs over time. These outcomes will be measured, respectively, through water quality testing, comparing water leakage rates before and after the project, measuring improvements in service reliability and reduction in service interruptions, and tracking the decrease in maintenance and repair costs over time.

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?

Withholding of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricane Idalia and subsequent storms

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.