



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2568

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

To replace failing water lines to correct poor water quality and alleviate excessive water loss within the system (116,952,000 gallons in 2020) in the Downtown Northeast and Northwest areas. The City currently has 48 miles of failing water lines. Starting in 2015 the City had 66 miles of failing water lines. Due to the age and condition of the City's pipes, there is a high level of tuberculation and biofilm buildup in the lines. Biofilm has been linked to contamination and threats to public health and can negatively impact fire flow, water quality and supply to residents. This project is for approximately 36,000 LF of potable main line replacement within the City of Palatka.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>7,000,000</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)	7,000,000	82%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	750,000	9%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	9%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>8,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

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?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The City has been awarded \$3 million from the St. John's River Water Management District Cost Share Program and 2.25 million from CDBG Small Cities since 2015. The City continues to actively pursue alternative funding in order to get the remaining failing and aged potable line replaced



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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?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2026

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

City of Palatka water and waste-water revenue streams (utility billing receipts).

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 Palatka owns the potable water distribution system.

### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction, Bidding Administration, Engineering, Construction Administration, and Observation	7,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>7,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

To replace failing water lines, correct poor water quality and alleviate excessive water loss within the system (116,952,000 gallons in 2020). The City has a need for potable main improvements in the development of the Wilson Cypress Site and the Downtown area. The aged potable lines contain a high level of tuberculation and biofilm buildup. This has been linked to contamination and threats to public health and can negatively impact fire flow, water quality and sufficient supply to the residents.

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



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Replacing the old and outdated potable water supply infrastructure with sustainable, newer PVC materials will alleviate the concern of both contamination and the possibility of low water pressure within the existing system. . The new infrastructure will also decrease the current issue plaguing residents, Red Water. The replacement of the failing pipes with PVC will serve to alleviate water loss through leaks, breaks, and the need to regularly flush the system as PVC does not have the issues with tuberculation that plagues cast iron.

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

This project will enable the City of Palatka to distribute potable water with a high water quality, and adequate water pressure free from the contamination of tuberculation, biofilm and high particulate iron concentrations; improve fire protection through increased fire flow with increased number of hydrants and equidistant placement of fire hydrants within the City; and will improve the economic development prospects of Palatka as proper infrastructure is one of the key needs to encourage new businesses to settle in Palatka.

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

The target population served by this project is the population of the City of Palatka. The City is comprised of households with low to moderate income levels, a high percentage of low income housing, and lower than average property values. These factors contribute to the City's current fiscally constrained status. With this application the City is seeking to fund a stand alone phase of this multiphase plan of potable water line replacement and would replace approximately 36,510 linear feet of the City's failing potable water infrastructure.

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

The City will be able to deliver cleaner and safer drinking water free of biofilm that can lead to water contamination due to aged pipe. Public safety of residents will also improve as current leaks and breaks can adversely affect water pressure which can affect adequate water pressure of a fire hydrant to be utilized by the fire department. The outcome can be measured by the reduction of flushing needs, in the number of breaks and leaks, in the complaints from citizens of red water, and the increase in available pressure at fire hydrants.

**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 are sufficient., which may include fiscal and corrective action plans.

**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#:**



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**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?**

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



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

**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.*