



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2753

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Northeast Reservoir Water Transmission and Regional Water Supply Project is a vital regional initiative that will transfer up to 1.44 billion gallons of water annually from a reservoir in Charlotte County to Cape Coral's freshwater canal system. This water will be used for fire suppression and lawn irrigation. With construction-ready plans and a purchase agreement for the Charlotte County property in place, the project is poised for construction and implementation.

**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	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,000,000</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)	6,000,000	16%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	6,000,000	16%
Local	26,000,000	68%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>38,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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	0	6,000,000	2956	Yes

**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.

The city's water and sewer fund and debt funding will 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?**

The city's water and sewer fund 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.**

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**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	This fully engineered project is ready for construction, with design and permits already in place for a 4-mile-long water main and pump station. The project utilizes an abandoned mine, which currently stores excess surface water, and transport this water to Cape Coral's freshwater canal system. Once operational, the system will supply water for essential fire suppression and irrigation purposes.	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The Northeast Reservoir Water Transmission and Regional Water Supply Project is a vital regional initiative that will transfer up to 1.44 billion gallons of water annually from a reservoir in Charlotte County to Cape Coral's freshwater canal system. This water will be used for fire suppression and lawn irrigation. With construction-ready plans and a purchase agreement for the Charlotte County property in place, the project is poised for construction and implementation.



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

The water from the Reservoir will be use for fire suppression, to maintain canal levels in the dry season, and by property owners for lawn irrigation purposes.

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

The direct services provided to citizens through this project will include:  
 Fire Suppression: The system will supply water to support fire suppression efforts, helping to protect homes, businesses, and public spaces in Cape Coral by ensuring an adequate and reliable water source during emergencies.  
 Irrigation: The project will provide water for lawn irrigation, helping residents and businesses maintain landscaping and reduce reliance on potable water for non-drinking purposes.  
 Increased Water Availability: By utilizing the abandoned mine to store excess surface water, this project will increase the availability of water for the community, contributing to long-term water sustainability.

These services will directly benefit residents by ensuring adequate water supplies for both essential safety and everyday needs.

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

The target population is all city residents, which is more than 220,000 people.

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

The additional water resources will help alleviate pressure on the underlying Floridan Aquifer, promoting a more sustainable source of irrigation water for the Southwest Florida region. The benefit of this project will be measured by monitoring the stability of freshwater canal levels, especially during the dry season, to ensure more consistent water flow. Additionally, improvements in the Cecil Webb Wildlife Management Area and Yucca Pens (State property) will be assessed by tracking changes in water levels and the overall health of these environmentally sensitive areas.

**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?**

Return of funding

**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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Construction ready

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

0

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

12/31/2026

**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.*