



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2766

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Contractual services to purchase, install and train commercial and residential AMI telemetry infrastructure reading systems. Existing meters are 20 years old and have exceeded their life. Leaks can go undetected creating flooding, high water bills, property damage, loss of water resources, etc. New meters provide operational details such as peak flows for users, conserves water/energy sources, reduces revenue loss from inaccurate meters, enhances security, and resilience. Moore Haven is a financially disadvantaged municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).

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               | 3,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>3,000,000</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)       | 3,000,000        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 0                | 0%          |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>3,000,000</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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2027

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

General Revenue

**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 Moore Haven is the owner 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                    | n/a   | 0                |
| Other Salary and Benefits  | n/a   | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | n/a   | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | n/a   | 0                |
| <b>Operational Costs</b>   |   |                  |
| Salary and Benefits  | n/a   | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | n/a   | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | n/a   | 0                |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                  |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | Purchase, install, train advanced telemetry metering critical infrastructure systems using SMART Utility Grade Communication Network, project management and administration services. | 3,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>3,000,000</b> |

**13. Program Performance**

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

Goal is to purchase, install and train commercial and residential AMI telemetry infrastructure reading systems, project management and administration services. Existing meters are 20 years old and have exceeded their life. Leaks can go undetected creating flooding, high water bills, property damage, loss of water resources, etc. New meters provide operational details such as peak flows for users, conserves water/energy sources, reduces revenue loss from inaccurate meters, enhances security, and resilience.



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

To purchase, install and train advanced telemetry metering critical infrastructure systems using SMART Utility Grade Communications Network, project management and administration services through the City's procurement procedures and policies.

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

Direct services to citizenry is alerts of usage for each user, conserves water/energy sources, enhances security, resilience and detection of water leak alerts for users which can immediately be identified and repaired efficiently, reducing costs and property damage in this financially disadvantaged municipality that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO). Citizens will not longer experience undetected leaks, property damage and high water bills with this new equipment.

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

Target population is citizenry, visitors and residents of City of Moore Haven, Glades County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity, financially disadvantaged municipality. Target population is greater than 12,000.

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

Benefit is a decrease in the number of failing meters, protection of the environment and general public by reducing damage to dwellings/property and energy sources. The AMI Systems has the capability to notify the City and customers of usage with 24/7 monitoring, therefore, saving excessive use of a natural resources while saving the customer financial resources and less property damage. Certification and operation of the project.

**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?**

Contractual will include timelines, milestones, project management, status reports, corrective action plans, etc. to be adhered throughout the project; implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

**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) ater Supply Grant
- 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?**

Not ready

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



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0%

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.*