



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2947

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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	2,971,750
Total State Funds Requested	2,971,750

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)	2,971,750	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	4,250,000	42%
Local	2,971,750	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	10,193,500	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		
2024-25	0	4,250,000	LPA054	No

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

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?



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- 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?

Water impact fees, water enterprise fund, previously approved state appropriations.

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
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	Capital costs and construction activities. Construction of the North Water Treatment Plant.	2,971,750
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,971,750

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will support the construction of the North Water Treatment Plant to provide potable water to the residents of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills and consumers within the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement. The Town has already drilled new wells and needs to build the new treatment plant to replace the North Well, an aging, outdated facility that is failing, costly to maintain, and located in a leased FDOT right-of-way of State Hwy 19 and CR 48. The well and treatment plant provide water to more than a third of the Town's households and is the sole source of water for the Town and ISBA consumers during maintenance or repairs of the South Well and Water Treatment Plant (on No. 2 Road).

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

The project includes the construction of a water treatment plant as required by the St. John's River Water Management District, alleviating future local stress on the upper aquifer. The associated treatment plan will include current technologies and reduce the costs burden of repairing outdated and failing infrastructure.

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



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Direct and secondary improvements to water access and quality, including flow and pressure for fire protection.

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

The target population is the residents of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills and the current consumers within the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement. The population is currently around 1,800.

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

Benefits will include continued availability of potable water, increased flow and water pressure for fire protection and reduction in repair and maintenance costs. Outcomes will be measured through monitoring and reduction in service outages.

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?

Normal permitting and regulatory oversight. Additional reports will determine what is needed to evaluate the deliverables. If deliverables cannot be completed, the return of funds may be necessary.

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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) D and FDEP (for well drilling)
- 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

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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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.