



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3078

1. **Project Title** Florida Governmental Utility Authority Lehigh Acres Sewer Force Main Extension Project

2. **Senate Sponsor** Kathleen Passidomo

3. **Date of Request** 3/4/2025

4. **Project/Program Description**

Expanding the sewer mains in the south section of Lehigh Acres to provide sewer service to 113 parcels including a new elementary school. Specific goals include increased sewer availability within the Lehigh Acres Utility Service Area, abandonment of septic tanks through connection of residential and commercial parcels to a central sewer system, accommodate growth within Lehigh Acres, and support development along the SR 82 corridor.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental Protection

**State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	665,524
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,658,476
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,324,000</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)	5,324,000	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>5,324,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** No

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?** 3/1/2026

**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?**

FGUA revenue collected through water utility billing will be used for operation and maintenance and replacement and renewal of the new infrastructure.

**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 Florida Governmental Utility Authority is the owner and operator of the water distribution system who will benefit from this capital outlay funding.

**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	The main activities include engineering design, permitting, project management, grant management and inspection services	665,524
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The main activities include construction, construction management, and inspection services	4,658,476
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,324,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The main goal of this project is to provide sewer service to a new elementary school, which is in high demand as a result of the high density of children in the area.

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

The design, permitting and construction of the water main extension will be provided through the use of these funds.

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



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Reliable sewer service and the elimination of septic tanks will be provided to the customers/citizens fo Lehigh Acres.

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

The Lehigh Acres community is the target population. The current customer base is approximately 14,000 accounts. This sewer main extension will provide sewer sewrvice to a new elementary school and access to central sewer for approximately 186 residential and 63 commercial parcels.

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

The main benefit is to provide sewer service to a new elementary school. This benefits allows for a sewer disposal for the school. Additionally, this sewer main extension will provide access to a centralized sewer system for approximately 187 parcels zoned residential and 63 commercial. The methodology for success will be measured by the number of new sewer service connections and accounts created.

**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?**

The suggested penalty for not meeting the deliverables is to refund the FDEP 20% of the total funding received for each calendar year past the project completion date, not to exceed 100% of the total funding amount..

**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 infastructure)

**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



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- 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?**

Planning is in progress and design is anticipated to begin March 2025

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

0%

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

06/30/2027

**22. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name** Will **Last Name** Fontaine

**b. Organization** Florida Governmental Utility Authority



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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) 163.01(7)(g)1

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

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