



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3132

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Expanding the water mains in the south section of Lehigh Acres will provide water service to a new elementary school. The new elementary school will be in a high-density area of children in a growing area within Lehigh Acres, near the SR 82 commercial corridor. The project is a significant initiative with several potential benefits for the community including a safe reliable potable water source.

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	743,154
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,211,203
Total State Funds Requested	4,954,357

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)	4,954,357	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,954,357	100%

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?** 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 alternate source of funding is the drinking water state revolving fund (DW SRF) seeking principle forgiveness.



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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?

2-1-2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3012027

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
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	The main activities include engineering design, permitting, project management, grant management and inspection services	743,154
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The main activities include construction, construction management, and inspection services	4,211,203
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,954,357

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 potable water 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?



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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?

Clean reliable potable water will be provided to the customers/citizens of 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 water main extension will provide potable water to a new elementary school and access to potable water 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 potable water to a new elementary school. This benefits allows for a reliable water source for the school. Additionally, this main extension will provide access to potable water for approximately 1867 parcels zoned residential and 63 commercial. The methodology for success will be measured by the number of new water 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 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)?



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- 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?

Planning and Design will commence 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



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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) 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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