



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3162

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The FGUA proposes to replace the existing septic tanks in the Seven Springs Service Areas, specifically the Riverside Vilalge subdivision which is located in the Anclote River Freshwater Segment identified by FDEP as waters not meeting standards for E. Coli. The project will eliminate the risks of sewage seepage due to the low lying area and high water table and eliminate the septic tank back-ups into homes, thus reducing the nutrient loading in stormwater, groundwater, and surface waters and eliminating the bacterial health risk in the area.

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	485,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,502,200
Total State Funds Requested	1,987,200

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)	1,987,200	66%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	34%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,987,200	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24		1,000,000	1732A	Yes

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?

02/24/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/22/2027

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.

Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) is a public entity formed by local governments pursuant to an agreement under 163.01 (7) (g), Florida Statutes. It will own and operate the wastewater facilities construction by their 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	Capital Project Administration and Inspection Services	250,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Engineering Design and Surveying (\$160,000) and Engineering construction services (\$75,000)	235,000
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	Construction of sewer lines, lift stations or other needed infrastructure to serve the homes as well as abandonment of the septic tanks currently serving the homes.	1,502,200
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,987,200

13. Program Performance

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



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

Construction of sewer lines to service the homes as well as abandonment of the septic tanks currently serving the homes.

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

Construction of sewer lines to serve the homes therefore eliminating septic tank back-ups from inoperable/failing drain fields due to low lying area and high water table; abandonment of the septic tanks currently serving the homes. Residents will receive sewer service without concern for septic tank maintenance or pumping issues.

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

Riverside Village Community. 101-200 residents, estimated.

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

Elimination of septic tanks and their back-ups into homes from inoperable/failing drain fields. Wastewater will be being directly sent to the wastewater treatment plant .Sampling of drainage swales to ensure there is further sewage seepage.

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?

Liquidated damages charged to contractor for failing to meet construction deadlines or breach of contract terms.

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:



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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?

Design just started.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/22/2027



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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) Government Water and Wastewater Utility

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.