



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3191

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

To provide an adequate potable water supply and meet fire flow protection requirements along the Sugarland Highway corridor, water infrastructure improvements are necessary. Increasing the four-inch diameter cast iron water main to an appropriately designed eight-inch diameter PVC water main needs to be constructed to meet current National Fire Protection Association guidelines. The estimated cost of the improvements is approximately \$1.8 million.

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	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</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)	1,500,000	83%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	17%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		

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.
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**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?** 10/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 04/01/2027

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

City of Clewiston Water Sewer Department Enterprise funds

**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 Clewiston will continue to own, operate and be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance of the capital improvements constructed with the requested 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		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construct approximately 7000 linear feet of 8-inch PVC water main with a flow capacity of 300 to 1000 gallons per minute in the Sugarland Highway corridor.	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds are necessary to ensure the provision of an adequate potable water supply and meet fire flow requirements for existing properties and future development along portions of the Sugarland Highway corridor. This will allow for improved water services to the affected area and ensure fire protection meets NFPA standards. Water flow capacity will be increased from existing peak 240 gpm to as much as 1000 gpm. Infrastructure enhancements will facilitate commercial development and insurance discount eligibility, and provide the opportunity for much needed economic growth to occur in a fiscally constrained county consistently with among the highest unemployment rates in the state of Florida.



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

To achieve adequate fire flow protection for this commercially and industrially zoned area, increasing the water flow capabilities and adding hydrants to the water distribution service is necessary.

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

Increasing the water flow capabilities and adding hydrants to the city water system will greatly reduce risks for losses of life and property during natural disasters. On September 28 2022, as Hurricane Ian winds reached 49 mph, an inadequate water supply was available to suppress a structural fire and the building was lost. The fire also endangered several homes nearby causing the residents to be evacuated during high wind conditions. The completed project will mitigate this risk, positively impact public health, safety and welfare by improving the capabilities for the provision of an adequate water supply and meet fire flow requirements for the affected area.

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

The target population to be served by this project will directly include the property owners, businesses and nearby residents along the Sugarland Highway corridor. Indirectly, the entirety of the City of Clewiston will benefit from the enhanced economic development potential created by this project which will boost private investment and the creation of employment opportunities for the entire region. This is a much needed outcome in a financially disadvantaged county & municipality for an area designated as a rural area of economic concern & a rural area of opportunity.

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

As a result of this project, greater fire protection, and increased public sector revenues resulting from enhanced property values associated with new private investment are anticipated positive outcomes over time and are measurable. Importantly, the requested funding will provide for the much needed improvements in a manner that will allow customer rates to remain affordable in a fiscally constrained community with among the highest unemployment rates and lowest wage rates in the state.

**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?**

As these are public investments in infrastructure and provided that the City uses the funds appropriately under state agency oversight, no penalties should be incurred by the responsible local government agency.

**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



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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
- 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?



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Construction not begun. Design & permitting will precede construction once full funding secured.

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

0%

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 04/01/2027

**22. Requester Contact Information**

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**23. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization** City of Clewiston

**b. Municipality and County** Hendry

**c. Organization Type**

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)

Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify)

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