



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3192

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

4. Project/Program Description

To achieve inflow and infiltration program goals and ensure that collected wastewater reaches the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant for appropriate treatment, the city desires to renovate a Vacuum Truck dump station (drying beds) at the city's existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) used to discharge wastewater material that is cleaned out from the city's collection system and dewater the biosolids by allowing it to dry through evaporation and gravity drainage. The existing drying beds were constructed for drying biosolids prior to disposal, but did not consider hardening. The project includes the demolition of the existing drying beds and replacement with new drying beds designed to meet FDEP amended consent order 18-0108 specifications.

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	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	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	1,200,000	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		

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

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?

11/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2026

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
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	Relocate the existing drying beds to near the entrance to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) site and constructed in such a way that will provide greater protection from natural disasters such as storm events of flooding. The proposed beds will be slightly smaller than the exiting beds, however they will be constructed at a higher elevation and with side walls that are approximately 2-feet above-grade. The walls and flooring will be constructed of concrete with the flooring sloped to a center	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The City of Clewiston is in the final implementation phase of a comprehensive Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) program to prevent sanitary sewer overflows and ensure that collected wastewater reaches the WWTP facility for appropriate treatment. \$400,000 of program funds were utilized to procure a 7-yard vacuum truck for lift stations FlaWARN best practice maintenance and to prevent sanitary sewage spills following storm related events. Rehabilitated, permitted drying beds to treat the lift station contents will complete the I&I effort and will meet the requirements of FDEP amended consent order number OCG 18-0108.

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

For environmental compliance to be achieved while meeting service demands by providing for post hurricane recovery, the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant drying bed must be storm hardened, as proposed by this project.

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

The proposed construction project of the existing NPDES permitted City WWTP will improve overall public health, safety and welfare of the community at large. Specifically, infrastructure necessary for force main and lift station Hurricane preparations consistent with FlaWARN recommended practices will eliminate sanitary sewer spills, and will enhance the overall quality of life of the entire region which are in close proximity to Lake Okeechobee.

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

The storm hardening of the drying beds to facilitate the maintenance of the collection system and post hurricane recovery will benefit the entire population of the city limits and contiguous areas served outside the City.

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

Improvements and outcomes will add substantially to the overall quality of life, as well as public health, safety and welfare of the entire region. Reduced sanitary sewer spills to meet nutrient effluent limits objectives in BMAPs and TMDLs, are anticipated positive outcomes over time which can be measured.

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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The proposed renovation would be added to the scope of a plant expansion project currently underway.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 05/01/2026

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)

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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