



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3264

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will serve the Economic Development Zone of Golden Gate City and is the first phase to provide the foundation for septic to sewer conversions for a population of approximately 25,000. This project will consist of the construction of a 4 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) water reclamation facility which allows for the future conversion from septic to sewer for Golden Gate City, a population of approximately 25,000 residents. This would represent 80% of septic parcels in the Collier County Sewer District on lots that are less than one acre. Golden Gate City is the major source of freshwater to Naples Bay but also delivers significant loadings of potential pollutants. Naples Bay abuts Rookery Bay, a DEP "Outstanding Florida Water" and exchanges waters with the Gulf of Mexico via Gordon Pass.

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	25,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	25,000,000

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)	25,000,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	125,000,000	83%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	150,000,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2027

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

Collier County Water-Sewer District 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.

Collier County Water-Sewer District

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	Construction for 4MGD water reclamation facility which allows for the future conversion from septic-to-sewer for Golden Gate City, a population of approximately 25,000 residents. This represents 80% of septic parcels within Collier County Water Sewer District grouped on lots less than 1 acre. These parcels are additionally interspersed with 8 miles of canals which flow into the Golden Gate Canal and downstream into the Gordon River which has an increasing trend of, and is impaired for, fecal	25,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,000,000

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 for 4 MGD water reclamation facility which allows for the future conversion from septic to sewer for Golden Gate City, a population of approximately 25,000 residents. This represents 80% of septic parcels within the Collier County Water Sewer District grouped on lots less than one acre.

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

Construction for 4 MGD water reclamation facility which allows for the future conversion from septic to sewer for Golden Gate City, a population of approximately 25,000 residents. This represents 80% of septic parcels within the Collier County Water Sewer District grouped on lots less than 1 acre. These parcels are additionally interspersed with 8 miles of canals which flow into the Golden Gate Canal and downstream into the Gordon River which has an increasing trend of, and is impaired for, fecal bacteria. The Golden Gate Canal system is widely recognized as the major source of freshwater to Naples Bay. Along with the large volume of freshwater, the GGC also delivers significant loadings of potential pollutants to Naples Bay. Naples Bay exchanges waters with the Gulf of Mexico via Gordon Pass and abuts the "Outstanding Florida Waters" of Rookery Bay on its southern edge.

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

The population of Golden Gate City is 25,000 residents. This project also serves an Economic Innovative Zone.

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

Reduction of significant loadings of potential pollutants to Naples Bay. These parcels are additionally interspersed with 8 miles of canals which flow into the Golden Gate Canal and downstream into the Gordon River which has an increasing trend of, and is impaired for, fecal bacteria. Naples Bay exchanges waters with the Gulf of Mexico via Gordon Pass and abuts the "Outstanding Florida Waters" of Rookery Bay on its southern edge.

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?

Withdrawal of some appropriated funds for failing to meet agreed upon deliverables or performance measures.

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



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- 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
- 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)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Shovel Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Collier County

b. Municipality and County Collier

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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