



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3266

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Hurricane Ian's landfall in September 2022 caused severe damage to the Fort Myers Beach (FMB) Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) from saltwater intrusion and submersion to many of the facility's flooded buildings, which in turn caused electrical failure of equipment located at ground level. The proposed scope of work includes replacement of the previous treatment process to be more resilient with the anaerobic basin system.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**  Yes  No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</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)	2,500,000	1%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	59,823,318	26%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	13,938,784	6%
Local	152,737,898	67%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>229,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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



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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)?** Yes

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 08/04/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/31/2027

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

Lee County Utilities 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.**

Lee County Board of County Commissioners

**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	Construction of the Anaerobic Basin	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the FMB WRF, due to loss of treatment capacity, aging infrastructure and damages sustained during Hurricane Ian (Sept. 2022), to include hazard mitigation and flood-proofing elements, to provide a climate-stable facility for uninterrupted treatment of domestic wastewater to a coastal community. The requested funding will be used to construct an Anaerobic Basin, which is needed to achieve advanced treatment of wastewater.

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

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

The FMB WRF treats wastewater from residential and commercial properties within the Town of Fort Myers Beach and adjacent unincorporated areas of Lee County, which comprises approximately 27% of LCU's service area wastewater flows primarily in the southwest region of the county. This represents a total estimated population of 168,114.

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

All customers receiving essential wastewater services from the FMB WR, >greater than 800 people.

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

Project will be constructed to prevent power interruption due to electrical catastrophic failure resulting in widespread service area sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), exposing the public to pathogens from untreated wastewater. Increased reliability of infrastructure by reduced number of outages or service disruptions due to electrical failures.

**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?**

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**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):**

Hurricane Ian

**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#:**

697922

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**

225,843,896

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
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- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

FDEP-Resilient FL (FY24/25 awarded); FDEP-Resilient FL (FY25/26 applied)

### 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?**

Ready

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

0%

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/31/2027

**22. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**



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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

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*