



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3440

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Increased resiliency and redundancy of critical potable water service to Sanibel and Captiva Islands will result from the elimination of large volumes of gas chlorine currently required in the treatment process. Transition to a packed tower aeration treatment system with sodium hypochlorite disinfection provides desired safety and environmental improvements and significantly reduces the likelihood of catastrophic situations that threaten IWA's ability to treat and distribute potable water.

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	3,125,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,125,000

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)	3,125,000	27%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	8,500,000	73%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	11,625,000	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?

06/01/2026

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?

Water Fees

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 Island Water Association, Inc. (IWA), is a member-owned, private, non-profit water utility serving the barrier islands of Sanibel and Captiva. IWA is governed by a five-member, elected Board of Directors.

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	Purchase of major capital treatment equipment, including packed tower aerator units, biotrickling filters, chemical bulk storage and feed systems, construction of new clearwell, and installation of all project components to meet the 500-year flood elevation requirements.	3,125,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,125,000

13. Program Performance

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

Increased resiliency and redundancy of critical potable water service to Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

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



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Design, equipment purchase, and construction of a packed tower aeration treatment system with a sodium hypochlorite disinfection to replace existing potable treatment consisting of superchlorination of raw water.

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

More resilient and hardened potable drinking water systems to reduce impacts and increase operational abilities after natural disasters.

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

All citizens and tourists served by the Island Water Association, Inc.

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

Increase the resiliency and redundancy for the potable drinking system and provide adequate fire protection during and in the aftermath of catastrophic events. Additionally, travelers statewide will benefit from the elimination of chemical delivery trucks on state and local roads which routinely deliver up to 12-tons of gas chlorine from Orlando, FL to Sanibel Island.

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?

IWA has received partial project funding through a forgivable loan/grant administered through the Florida DEP's State Revolving Fund - Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricanes Fiona and Ian (SRF SAHFI) program. Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures would make IWA ineligible for this funding source. The same penalty would likely apply to funding received through the state appropriation process.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

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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:

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



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- 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):

SRF SAHFI

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?

Not started

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



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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

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