



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1908

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will be to design backup supply to reclaim and infrastructure improvements to allow for continued operation and expansion of the Ocoee Reclaim system. Ocoee's reclaim system expansion has far outpaced expectations due to the City's proactive expansion program which includes wholesale agreements for additional supply and retrofits. Ocoee is withdrawing in 3.8 MGD of groundwater and supplying 4 MGD of reclaimed water to customers, with 1 MGD of reclaimed water reservation for future reclaim customers. Recently Orange County changed qualification criteria for wholesale rates by increasing the City's cost per 1,0

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 375,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 375,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 375,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 375,000 | 50% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 750,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? 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

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?

02/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/24/2028

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

The City of Ocoee is the owner of the facilities and is the applicant.

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.

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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 | Engineering design, permitting and bidding. | 375,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 375,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

Continue to provide and expand reclaim water services.

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

Engineering design, permitting and bidding.

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



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Provide reclaim water for irrigation.

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

Ocoee residents and businesses with an estimated service area population of 50,000.

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

The City's operation of it's robust reclaimed water system aligns with SJRWMD CFWI groundwater conservation mission. This project allows the City to supply over 4 MGD of reclaim water to the entire service area and also continue to expand the system. Groundwater withdrawals are measured and reported to the St Johns River water management District semiannually. Withdrawals and potential environmental impacts are evaluated as part of the City's Consumptive Use Permit and are also used for Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan.

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?

The city maintains a robust inspection program which includes an assigned City inspector to observe, document (daily log and pictures), and oversee testing of construction materials and installation. Monthly recorded meetings are performed and pay applications are approved by the Inspector, City Engineer, and Director. Deliverables are outlined in the contract documents in accordance with State and City guidelines. Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures may lead to delayed disbursements and/or non-payment.

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):

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)?

- Yes, Applied



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- 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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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.