



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2318

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Wildwood is the fastest growing community in the US according to various outlets/publications. Raw wastewater flows have been increasing 30%/year for the last 3 years, and the population is expected to increase 24%/year through 2030 and then 10.7%/year for the following decade. The City is requesting State funding to assist in the construction of a new AWT wastewater treatment facility to replace the old and obsolescent infrastructure (existing capacity - 3 MGD; required 2030 capacity - 6 MGD). The new WRF will provide the required capacity, generate a high-quality product, reclaimed water, that is low in nutrients and will meet AWT standards. These funds will allow the City to: (1) enhance, preserve and improve the surface, groundwater and drinking water quality in the local area as well as within the Rainbow/Silver Springs BMAP; (2) protect the general public from environmental harm; (3) increase/improve economic activity and (4) create job opportunities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,000,000	2%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	36,000,000	24%
Local	10,000,000	7%
Other	100,000,000	67%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	150,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No Yes

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

ARPA funding has been used for immediate treatment facility improvements needed due to operational and hydraulic capacity issues and obsolescence (~\$3 million). Project work will be completed in early November 2023.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. 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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13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Additional professional engineering services associated with the proposed improvements.	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Requested funds are to replace failing/aging facility infrastructure, keep pace with the rapid growth, and for the construction of a new WRF. The new WRF will produce an AWT quality reclaimed water product that is low in nutrients and will improve and protect the Rainbow/Silver Springs region and local environment as well as reduce the potential for SSO's, sludge overflows, odors and aerosols.	3,980,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

e funds will allow the City to: (1) meet current and future wastewater demands; (2) reduce nutrient loadings to the environment and springs; (3) enhance, preserve and improve the water quality of groundwaters, surface waters, springs, and wetlands; (4) protect the public from environmental harm; (5) reduce system overflows; (6) increase economic activity/opportunity; (7) increase tourism by keeping critically important water resources clean, usable and resource; and (8) create job opportunities.

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

The requested funds are for construction of a new AWT treatment facility to replace the failing and aging facility infrastructure (~50 years old), and to increase capacity to keep pace with the rapid population growth within the City. The City provides a regional solution to wastewater treatment and effluent disposal by treating wastewater from the Coleman Prison (~0.8 MGD) as well as the wastewater generated within the City's service area. The reclaimed water produced is used throughout City's reclaimed water service area and The Villages/North Sumter Utilities (use ~98% of the reclaimed water generated).

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

The improvements will provide the needed wastewater treatment capacity and infrastructure required within the City's service area due to the rapid population growth being experienced as well as the following: protect critical water resources in the local area (surface waters, wetlands, groundwater, and the springs (Rainbow/Silver); protect local residences and property; protect the general public from harm; and enhance, preserve and improve the environment, wildlife quality and resources used by the local residents and tourists by reducing sanitary sewer and sludge management system overflows.

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

Residents of the City of Wildwood (~28,000) and those within the City's service area. The population has quadrupled since the 2010 census and is estimated to increase to 131,000 by 2050. The rapid population increase requires substantial utility system improvements and increased capacity. Financial assistance from the State is requested due to the need to protect the local environment and springs; the need to provide a long-term, sustainable solution to wastewater treatment and effluent disposal in the service area; and to increase both economic activity and job opportunities within the local area.

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

These funds will provide the following benefits/outcome: (1) enhance, preserve and improve the environment and wildlife quality within the local area; (2) protect the general public from environmental harm and the degradation of local water resources; (3) protection of public and private property (yards, streets, structures, etc.); (4) increase tourism; (5) increase and improve local economic activity; (5) improve groundwater, surface water, and drinking water quality. Outcomes will be measured by the decrease nutrient concentrations, and the reduced number of system overflows.

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 the contract?

Fines and clean-up costs associated with sanitary sewer overflows.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?

Not ready

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025