



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1033

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will enable the construction of a vital reverse osmosis facility on Crawl Key, Marathon, FL. This facility serves a dual purpose: firstly, it acts as a crucial backup water source during emergencies, safeguarding against disruptions caused by disasters or damaged transmission lines. Secondly, it addresses the pressing need for additional water supply due to population growth and restrictions on Biscayne aquifer withdrawals.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	10,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	10,000,000	1705A	No

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2027

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.

Special District

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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for the design, bidding, permitting and construction of the reverse osmosis facility.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will directly support the establishment of a reverse osmosis facility on Crawl Key, Marathon, FL. This critical infrastructure will provide a reliable and secure water source, ensuring uninterrupted service to citizens during emergencies and times of increased demand due to population growth and aquifer limitations.

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



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The funding will be used to design, bid, permit, and construct a new reverse osmosis facility to provide uninterrupted access to safe and reliable drinking water during emergencies and periods of heightened demand. This facility acts as a crucial lifeline in times of need, enhancing overall community resilience.

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

The funding will enable the operation of a new reverse osmosis facility, ensuring citizens have uninterrupted access to safe and reliable drinking water during emergencies and periods of heightened demand. This facility acts as a crucial lifeline in times of need, enhancing overall community resilience.

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

Residents and visitors to the Florida Keys will all benefit from this project.

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

Provision of a reliable and secure water source to provide uninterrupted service to visitors and residents during emergencies, and increase demand.

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?

If performance measures and deliverables are not met, withholding of funds is the recommended penalty.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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) Special District

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	David Browning
b. Firm Name	The Southern Group
c. E-mail Address	browning@thesouthernngroup.com
d. Phone Number	(850)671-4401

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
- 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?

09/01/2027