



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2607

1. Title of Project: Punta Gorda RO Facility

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 03/20/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The City of Punta Gorda seeks funding support for its Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant and Groundwater Supply Project. The Project meets supply, quality, and natural systems protection needs established by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) using the most cost-effective approach. The projected cost for the five-year project is \$40.5 Million. With grant support, the fees for the customer in the Punta Gorda Utility Service Area will be kept low.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	8.6%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	14,866,497	51.2%
Other	11,671,555	40.2%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	29,038,052	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2014-15		900,000	1168A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	Construction	2,500,000
Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To address the issues of regulatory and environmental standards, reliable quality, regional capacity, and redundancy, the Punta Gorda City Council seeks funding for the development of a fully-integrated, robust, and multi-jurisdictional water supply system, comprised of diverse sources: groundwater, surface water, and off-stream reservoirs. The system will be managed to take full advantage of Florida’s intense climate cycles to ensure reliable, sustainable and drought resistant systems, thus maximizing the use of alternative water supplies, and improving the water quality not only in Punta Gorda, but downstream as well in the Charlotte Harbor Estuary—all achieved with the development of a most cost-effective Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant and Groundwater Supply Project.

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

The project consists of the design, wellfield testing study, third-party review, permitting, and construction of a 4 mgd brackish groundwater reserve osmosis (RO) facility co-located at the City's existing 10 mgd Shell Creek Surface water treatment facility. Components include the RO facility, water blending facility including 2 mgd tank, raw water supply wellfield, and a concentrate disposal well. The project meets supply, quality, and natural systems protection needs established by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) using the most cost-effective approach.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The project provides the citizens of Punta Gorda’s water service area and our regional neighbors: An alternative water supply (by definition in Florida statutes); A diverse source of supply (additional to Shell Creek surface water); A reliable source of high quality treated water (groundwater is more stable in quantity and quality than surface water); A sustainable quantity of water needed; A drought resistant option; A positive impact on our community’s economic development; A cost-effective approach to the issues of regulatory, reliability, and redundancy requirements for the region; and Improved downstream water quality in the Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

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



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Punta Gorda Utility Service Area, 37,000 served

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

Compliance with federal and state regulations. Percentage of

- 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 funds will be reallocated.

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

City of Punta Gorda

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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 For Profit
 Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 Local Entity
 University or College
 Other (Please specify)
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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. 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

18. What is the status of construction? On schedule, on budget

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 50%

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? Substantial Completion 05/31/2020