



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3135

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Contractual services for preliminary engineering, design, bidding, permitting, project management, engineering during construction, and construction services to build a Water Plant Sludge Drying Bed which will provide sludge dewatering by allowing the liquid to both drain under gravity and through a permeable medium. This is a critical facility which services not only Bartow citizenry, but the surrounding areas of commercial and residential units including numerous local, State and Federal government operations. Currently, the sediment is being trucked to another location, which is costly.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,600,000

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)	3,600,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	10%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,000,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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?**

Yes



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

\$10,090,698 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) used to fund a portion of the City of Bartow Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion, currently under construction.
 \$79,158.13 Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement for masks, cleaning/decontamination and changes to the physical environment to facilitate social distancing (e.g., Plexiglas partitions and access locks).

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?

12/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2026

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.

City of Bartow is both the owner and the entity.

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	Contractual services for preliminary engineering, design, bidding, permitting, project management, engineering during construction, and construction services to build a Water Plant Sludge Drying Bed.	3,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,600,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Purpose is to seek contractual services for preliminary engineering, design, bidding, permitting, project management, engineering during construction, and construction to build a water plant sludge drying bed.

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

Contractual services for preliminary engineering, design, bidding, permitting, project management, engineering during construction, and construction services to build a Water Plant Sludge Drying Bed.

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

Direct services provided will be sludge drying beds at the water plant to provide the simplest method of sludge de-watering. This project will improve drinking water management operations.

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

The target population is the City of Bartow which serves as the County seat for Regional, Federal and State offices, agencies, properties and buildings, which are tax exempt creating a reduction of revenue that is needed to adequately serve its citizenry and surrounding communities -- Clear Springs Developments, the City of Eagle lake, and the Polk State College Advanced Technology Center Campus. It is estimated more than 19,477 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The water plant will be able to use sludge drying beds, which provide sludge dewatering by allowing the liquid to both drain under gravity through a permeable medium on which the sludge sits, and to evaporate under ambient conditions. This project will improve drinking water quality and management operations.

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?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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



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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)
- 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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?