



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1273

1. Project Title Port Richey Replacement of Asbestos Cement and Galvanized Drinking Water Mains

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 1/14/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

This project focuses on replacing aging asbestos cement and galvanized water mains (approximately 13,000 linear feet), which will significantly improve water quality and protect public health of residents in Port Richey and those served in unincorporated Pasco County. Additionally, it addresses a critical need to replace and relocate the sole water main serving the City's southside, which currently runs beneath the Pithlachascotee River.

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

State Agency contacted? No

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	81%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	19%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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#### 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?

10/30/2025

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

City of Port Richey Water Utility Fund.

#### 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.

The City of Port Richey

#### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering, Construction management and oversight, and Installation of approximately 13,000 feet of new water lines.	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose of the funds requested is to improve public health and infrastructure reliability by replacing aging asbestos and galvanized water mains and a critical water main under the river, which serves as the sole connection to a section of the city. These upgrades will eliminate potential health risks from asbestos and lead contamination, ensure compliance with water quality standards, and provide a secure and reliable water supply. Replacing the river-crossing main will also safeguard uninterrupted water service to residents and businesses, reducing vulnerability to system failures and ensuring resilience in the city's water distribution network.

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



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Replacing asbestos cement and galvanized water mains involves assessing existing pipes, designing replacements, and using durable materials like PVC or ductile iron. Activities include safe removal, proper asbestos disposal, new pipe installation, testing for leaks and water quality, and restoring affected areas. Services include project management, regulatory compliance, safety oversight, and community communication.

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

The appropriation request will provide citizens with access to clean and safe drinking water by replacing aging water mains, thereby eliminating potential contaminants and ensuring high water quality. It will secure a reliable water supply by upgrading the river-crossing main, which serves as the sole connection to a portion of the city. This project will improve public health by removing asbestos and galvanized pipes, reducing risks from harmful substances. Additionally, it will enhance emergency preparedness by creating a more resilient water system capable of withstanding natural disasters or infrastructure failures, while also minimizing service interruptions caused by leaks or pipe failures.

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

The target population are those Port Richey citizens and Pasco County residents that received potable water from the Port Richey water system (approximately 7500 people). This included significant areas of low to moderate income areas within the City of Port Richey and Pasco County.

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

An expected benefit of this project is the improvement in water quality and reliability, resulting in enhanced public health and uninterrupted service to the community. The methodology to measure the outcome includes: (1) Water Quality Testing: Conducting pre- and post-project testing for contaminants like asbestos fibers, lead, and other heavy metals, with results measured against EPA standards to demonstrate compliance. (2) Service Reliability Metrics: Monitoring the frequency and duration of water outages or pipeline failures before and after project completion to confirm improved reliability. (3) Customer Feedback and Complaints: Tracking the number of water quality or service-related complaints received from residents to identify improvements. (4) Cost Savings Analysis: Comparing maintenance and repair costs for the old system versus the new infrastructure to quantify financial efficiency.

**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?**

Reversal of funding.

**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



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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
- ☐ 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?



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Planning

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/30/2026

#### 22. Requester Contact Information

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#### 23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Port Richey

b. Municipality and County Pasco

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☒ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

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