



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3336

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City has evaluated necessary upgrades to the Crystal River Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet upcoming higher effluent treatment standards and expand capacity for growth. A comprehensive Facility Plan was developed to identify the process improvements and capacity modifications needed to meet the 3.0 mg/L TN effluent limit, conduct a site evaluation and condition assessment to identify deficiencies, collaborate with Citrus County and FGUA to update the City's utility service area, project wastewater flows over the next 20 years to assess future capacity needs, and identify three improvement alternatives to meet regulatory requirements. The City has secured \$12 million in grants and funding toward the estimated \$24 million total cost, leaving a \$12 million funding gap.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	24%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	12,766,895	52%
Local	6,000,000	24%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	24,766,895	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	12,766,895	LPQ0034	No

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

0/00/0000

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3/31/2030

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

The above already awarded state funding is kicking of the project.

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 Waste Water Treatment Plant is owned by the City of Crystal River.

12. 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		
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	Implement the process improvements and capacity modifications required at the WWTF to meet the upcoming regulatory requirements. Expand the facility for forecasted growth of the City and surrounding areas. The City is working on the procurement process for design and engineering of the project.	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal is to bring the Waste Water Treatment plant into compliance on upcoming changes and expand the facility to meet the needs of a growing population.

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



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The city is working on the procurement process for design and engineering services(with current funding), followed by construction of the project(needed funding).

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

Improved and more reliable services that are in compliance with new regulations. This will also allow for growth. The city will be able to see increased flow rates, less TN and an increased capacity at the site with upgrades.

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

The citizens of Crystal River and future growth of the City.

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

The project will mitigate flood plain impacts and eliminate approximately 1,645 lbs/year of TN from the Kings Bay BMAP.

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?

More frequent required reporting.

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

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



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☐ 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)

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☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern

☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Not ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/31/2030

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name

Audra

Last Name

Curts-Whann

b. Organization

City of Crystal River



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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