



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1163

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Venice, Florida, owns and operates a 4.48 million gallons per day (mgd) reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment plant (WTP) that treats brackish source water from the 14 groundwater wells. The WTP produces a finished water product that meets or exceeds State of Florida and federal drinking water requirements. Finished water is pumped into city's water distribution system for potable water use. The current RO system is designed with four skids, and each skid supports a single stage filtration process with 60% recovery of the brackish feed water supply. This project would add additional membranes to increase water production by approximately 500,000 gallons per day. This project is considered critical infrastructure to support future population growth and enhance system reliability and resiliency.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	38%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,250,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,000,000	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		

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?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

City of Venice, Utilities Department Enterprise funds will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance 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 city of Venice owns, operates and maintains the water treatment plant

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	This project will add RO membranes to each of 4 existing skids at the City's Water Treatment Plant. This project will allow an increase to water production of approximately 500,00 gallons per day. The estimated cost for construction is \$2.0M.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

Increase water production by approximately 500,000 gallons per day. This project is considered critical infrastructure to support future population growth and enhance system resiliency. This water plant serves the entire community, residents, tourists and local businesses.

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



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The city with the assistance of a consultant, is currently working on design and engineering to upgrade processes and integrate various existing systems. These funds will be utilized for the purchase and installation of the new treatment units, automation upgrades and auxiliary systems. Ultimately, the expansion enhances water quality and reliability, protects public health, supports community growth and strengthens system sustainability and resilience.

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

Direct services include improved drinking water quality, increased supply reliability, enhance public health protection, support for community growth (new homes, businesses and tourists) and greater system resilience.

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

The entire City of Venice, residents, businesses and tourists, will benefit from adding more water production. Recent data show approximately 29,000 residents in the City of Venice.

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

The addition of membranes to the treatment facility is expected to deliver a more reliable and higher-capacity water supply that consistently meets regulatory standards, improves drinking water quality, safeguards public health, and supports future growth. Outcomes will be measured through compliance with the state and federal water quality regulations, tracking of plant capacity versus demand, routine monitoring of key water quality parameters, reductions in service interruptions and boil-water notices, customer satisfaction feedback, and documentation of new service connections and population served.

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?

Additional reports will determine what is needed to meet the deliverables. If deliverables cannot be completed, then the return of the funds will be necessary.

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:



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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?

Project is currently under design.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
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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