



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1167

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project includes the construction of a new emergency potable water main interconnect system to serve both Sarasota County and the City of North Port. The new emergency potable water main interconnect system will consist of two elements: 1) the replacement of the existing emergency potable water main interconnect assembly located in the City of North Port, and 2) the addition of approximately 1000 linear feet of 8-inch potable water main crossing U.S. Highway 41 (South Tamiami Trail) and connecting to an existing water main at Welney Drive, providing a looped system for improved water quality.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	640,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,040,000

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)	1,040,000	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,000,000	49%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,040,000	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?

12/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2025

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

Sarasota County and the City of North Port will equally share all costs related to the maintenance and repair of the proposed interconnect which will be funded through each entity's respective Utilities Operating Budget. The City of North Port will be responsible for all electrical costs associated with the operation of the proposed interconnect.

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 design and construction of the proposed interconnect including necessary power installation and easement acquisition will be paid for by an appropriation of lawfully available funds by the Board of County Commissioners and reimbursed with the County's Federal Appropriation. The City of North Port will be responsible for the acquisition of any necessary easements needed for the placement and construction of the proposed interconnect.

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	The design and construction of the proposed interconnect including necessary power installation and easement acquisition will be paid for by an appropriation of lawfully available funds by the Board of County Commissioners and reimbursed with the County's Federal Appropriation. The City of North Port will be responsible for the acquisition of any necessary easements needed for the placement and construction of the proposed interconnect.	400,000
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	Construction by contractor for project improvements	640,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,040,000



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13. Program Performance

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

Design, permitting and construction of the emergency potable water interconnection system will benefit the citizens of unincorporated Sarasota County as well as the citizens of the City of North Port by providing a new emergency potable water interconnect allowing the transfer of potable water between the two entities. This is critical during natural disasters, water supply disruptions, and other times of emergency as well as providing significant resiliency and redundancy for both entities.

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

The new emergency potable water main interconnect assembly will be constructed on a site generally located at Sarasota County's boundary with the City of North Port, as depicted in the attached map. The specific site of the interconnect (estimated to be no more than 2,000 square feet of area) will be determined during the design phase and is anticipated to be located within a public road right-of-way or easement. The construction staging area will likely be located on or adjacent to the site and will also be located within a public road right-of-way or easement. The other element of the new emergency potable water main interconnect system - the new 8-inch potable water main - is planned to be constructed within U.S. Highway 41 (South Tamiami Trail) road right-of-way or easements.

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

This project will provide an upgraded and upsized emergency potable water interconnect benefiting the citizens of unincorporated Sarasota County and the citizens of the City of North Port, allowing for the transfer of potable water between the two entities during natural disasters, water supply disruptions, and other times of emergency. The project will directly provide significant resiliency and redundancy for both entities.

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

The entire population of the service areas of Sarasota County Public Utilities and the City of North Port Utilities could potentially be served by and benefit from this project. The two Utilities entities together serve a population of approximately 330,000 individuals.

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

Constructing the emergency potable water interconnect will benefit the citizens of unincorporated Sarasota County and of the City of North Port by providing a new emergency potable water interconnection system allowing the transfer of water between the two entities. This is critical during natural disasters and other emergency events and provides resiliency and redundancy for both entities.

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?

Sarasota County contract penalties could include our standard contract provisions which cover liquidated damages, withholding payment, and/or termination of contract.

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?



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- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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 started

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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