



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1273

1. Project Title Altamonte Springs Upgrading and Expanding the Reuse Augmentation Facility — A Regional Solution

2. Senate Sponsor Jason Brodeur

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The A-FIRST project is an innovative system that transforms storm water into reclaimed water supplement, reducing withdrawals from the Floridan Aquifer and protecting the Wekiva Basin, one of Florida's most sensitive and valuable ecosystems. The proposed upgrade will rehabilitate the RAF's (a key component of the A-FIRST project) critical aging infrastructure and double its treatment capacity from 3.0 to 6.0 MGD. The proposed improvements will ensure treatment reliability, redundancy, compliance with stringent water quality standards and provides additional reclaimed water for the region.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,200,000

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)	3,200,000	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,800,000	60%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	8,000,000	100%

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.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2027

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

Enterprise Fund - Water and Sewer operating 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.

City of Altamonte Springs - Owner

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	Construction	3,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,200,000

13. Program Performance

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

The project will double treatment capacity from 3.0 to 6.0 MGD of stormwater for use as a supplement for reclaimed water for irrigation uses. This innovative system transforms stormwater into reclaimed water, reducing withdrawals from the Floridan Aquifer and protecting the Wekiva River and Basin, one of Florida's most sensitive and valuable ecosystems. By doubling the treatment capacity the project will help reduce Floridan Aquifer withdrawals by providing reclaimed water for irrigation. Improves groundwater and surface water quality, protect the Wekiva River & Basin while advancing State's goal with the Wekiva BMAP & CFWI compliance



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

- Rehab existing treatment and construction of new treatment units to expand treatment capacity from 3.0 MGD to 6.0 MGD
- Installation of mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation systems for the new treatment units
- Site work and civil improvements, associated with the modifications
- Integration with existing systems including rehab of the intake at the stormwater pump station
- Startup, testing, and commissioning services

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

Expands regional reclaimed capacity/supply to supporting partner cities. The treatment capacity of the RAF will increase from 3.0 MGD to 6.0 MGD, allowing additional stormwater to be treated at the RAF and used as reclaimed water supplement. Use of treated stormwater as reclaimed water supplement will reduce the need for high quality groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for non potable irrigation uses.

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

The project primarily benefits neighboring communities within the regional reclaimed water partnership area. The approximate populations of these interested communities are as follows: City of Ocoee – 51,000; City of Winter Garden – 48,000; City of Winter Park – 30,000; City of Mount Dora - 18,000 and Seminole County – over 200,000 residents. It should be noted that reclaimed water from this project will be delivered in bulk quantities to participating utilities, and the actual population served in each community may vary over time depending on future interlocal agreements and system integration at the time.

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

The projects is expected to benefit in the following ways:

- Reduce Floridan Aquifer withdrawals by providing reclaimed water for irrigation
- Improve groundwater and surface water quality
- Protect the Wekiva River & Basin
- Advance Wekiva BMAP & CFWI compliance

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?

Liquidated damages and standard penalties listed in the standard agreement between City, Consultants and Contractors

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



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- ☐ 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)



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☒ 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?

10/01/2027

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
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number



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