



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1512

1. Project Title White Springs - Water System Improvements / Water Main Replacements (Design)

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

These funds will allow the Town of White Springs to complete the entire design and permitting phase for its Water System Improvements / Water Main Replacements project - a critical system-wide effort that will replace the Town's deteriorating (Asbestos / Cast Iron) and/or undersized (40%) water distribution system piping, much of which is 60+ years old; and install new fire hydrants, valves, services/meters, and system looping to provide improved flow capacities, pressures, fire protection, and reliability/redundancy. This will also reduce unaccounted for water loss, water main breaks/boil water notices, and improve utility revenues.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	549,000
Total State Funds Requested	549,000

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)	549,000	59%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	380,000	41%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	929,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/30/2027

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

O&M costs will be funded through the Town's Utility Fund using established user rates and utility revenues.

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.

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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	These funds will allow the Town to complete the entire scope of its design and permitting phase for its Water System Improvements / Water Main Replacements project - a critical system-wide effort that will replace the Town's deteriorating (Asbestos / Cast Iron) and/or undersized (40%) water distribution system piping, much of which is 60+ years old; and install new fire hydrants, valves, services/meters, and system looping to provide improved flow capacities, pressures, fire protection, and rel	549,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		549,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

Activities include engineering design, topographic surveying, geotechnical investigation/SUE, technical evaluations and hydraulic modeling, permitting of construction through regulatory agencies (FDEP, FDOT, NS RR), preparation of construction documents, and development of project specifications for the entire Water System Improvements project.

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

The project will provide the Town, its citizens and businesses, with a fully designed, permitted, and shovel-ready Water System Replacements project, allowing the Town to move into the Construction Phase and place the project out for bids.

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

The project will serve approximately 900 residents, along with overall service area which includes local businesses, Stephen Foster Memorial Park, and other facilities. The improved flow capacity and reliability will support future growth and economic development by allowing the Town to adequately serve more customers.

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 result in completed design and permitting packages that position the Town to begin construction of its system-wide water main replacements / improvements. Success will be measured by obtaining regulatory approvals, completion of all design deliverables, and readiness to proceed to construction, which will ultimately support improved water quality, system reliability, pressure, and fire protection.

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?

In addition to standard penalties, the contracting agency may consider withholding payment for incomplete or unsatisfactory deliverables, as well as exercising Performance and Payment Bonds to ensure successful project completion.

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



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☐ 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) Rural Infrastructure Fund

☐ 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



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19. What is the status of construction?

In Design Phase

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/30/2027

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
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number



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