



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1829

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project would include the replacement of manually-read water meters with remotely-read smart water meters. This project is to attempt to move the City of Bristol to utilize a more modern and efficient way of collecting water meter readings. This will reduce the manpower required to manually read meters and will allow the small City staff to spend more time on maintenance issues. Furthermore, the new meter technology can assist with the detection of leaks quicker which can reduce water losses for both the City and residents.

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	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	700,000	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



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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?

6/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2027

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

The City of Bristol (entity) owns and maintains all of the current water meters and will continue to do so after this 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.

City of Bristol

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	Design and Construction Activities	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000

13. Program Performance

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

These remotely-read meters will reduce man hours required in the field for meter reading so staff can spend more time on maintenance of the water system. The meter technology under this proposal provides continuous customer data and allows for early detection of water leaks/loss. The system will also provide the city with operational detail such as peak flows for each customer. The system will also reduce revenue loss from inaccurate metering.

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



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Design and construction of remotely-read meter system to help the City reduce costs associated with water leaks. Project will also help the City conserve water by assisting with early identification of leaks. The increased efficiency in meter reading will allow for the limited City staff to prioritize efforts on system maintenance and improvements.

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

New meters will be provided to all citizens connected to the Bristol public water system. As a result of these improvements the accuracy of the meters will be improved and early leak detection will be provided. This will allow the City to accurately bill the customers for true water usage while reducing the losses down stream of the meters.

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

This project will benefit the entire City of Bristol, approximately 915 individuals.

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

The proposed project will allow the City of Bristol to more closely monitor water usages and reduce the amount of unaccounted for water losses. Early leak detection will allow the City to reduce unnecessary groundwater withdrawals. The City provides reports to the WMD regarding water losses. The volume of unaccounted for losses is expected to decrease as a result of this project.

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?

The Auditor General audits for both the Town and State agencies. If the project is not completed within the requirements outlined in the grant award, the funding may be withdrawn.

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)?



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- ☐ 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?

Vendor identified, needing funding.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2027

22. Requester Contact Information



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.