



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1947

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The City of Groveland is requesting funds for the construction of a new North Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to address critical capacity, reliability, and redundancy in its wastewater system. The proposed 1 MGD facility will replace the aging Sunshine WRF, which is nearing its design capacity and surrounded by wetlands requiring costly mitigation. A proposed site is located on city-owned property. The proposed North WRF will serve the growing North Sewer Service Area, including accepting flows from the City of Mascotte under an interlocal agreement. The project includes construction of infrastructure needed to improve efficiencies and resiliency and address regional growth.

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	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

#### 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)	1,000,000	11%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	7,923,318	89%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>8,923,318</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?

08/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/30/2029

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

Wastewater Utility 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.

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### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of North Water Reclamation Facility	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The goal that will be achieved is the construction of a new 1 MGD North Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) that will replace the aging Sunshine WRF and provide reliable, resilient, and efficient wastewater treatment. This facility will address current and projected capacity constraints and support regional sewer service including from the City of Mascotte that Groveland has an interlocal agreement with. The project will also improve infrastructure safety and reliability, reduce reliance on onsite sewage treatment systems (OSTDS), and support sustainable growth in the region.

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



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The activities include construction and infrastructure development supporting a new 1 MGD North Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). These activities include constructing lift station infrastructure at the existing Sunshine WRF, installing wastewater force main to the North WRF, building a reclaimed water main and storage tank, and repurposing existing infrastructure to enhance transmission capabilities to the extent possible.

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

The construction of the new 1 MGD North Water Reclamation Facility will provide citizens with reliable and efficient wastewater treatment, replacing the aging Sunshine WRF and ensuring the community's infrastructure can meet current and future demands. This modern facility will improve public health and environmental protection by reducing the risk of sewer overflows and contamination, while enhancing safety and resilience during extreme weather events. By increasing treatment capacity and supporting regional sewer service, including the City of Mascotte through an interlocal agreement, the project will strengthen service reliability, promote sustainable growth, and maintain compliance with environmental regulations for the benefit of residents and businesses.

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

City of Groveland, population 20,621; City of Mascotte, population 7,407. Total number of individuals expected to be served = 28,028.

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

The expected outcome of the North WRF project is the development of a modern, centralized wastewater treatment facility that improves the City's ability to manage current and future wastewater demands. By replacing the aging Sunshine WRF, the new facility will improve treatment capacity and reliability, while supporting the regional service commitment with the City of Mascotte. The outcome will be measured by tracking average daily flow against design capacity and monitoring compliance with FDEP permit requirements. Metrics will include system reliability, successful redirection of wastewater flows, and reduced reliance on OSTDS systems.

**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?**

If the project does not meet the standards of the department the effect will be addressed through withholding payment, corrective action plans, or termination of the agreement.

**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#:**



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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)
- ☐ 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?

Construction has not yet started.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/30/2029

#### 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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