



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2011

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will be used to design and construct improvements at the Del Prado WWTF to increase capacity, enhance treatment, and ensure permit compliance. The project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows, improve nutrient removal, and support continued reliable wastewater service and environmental protection for the growing North Fort Myers area.

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	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	9,150,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	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	10,000,000	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.

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?

09.01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2028

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

Revenues from customers in the North Fort Myers Utility service area who subscribe to water and sewer utility services.

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.

Florida Governmental Utility Authority, a public entity created under Chapter 163.01 (7). There are no other owners.

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	The main activities include public outreach, permitting, project management, grant management, project construction and project inspection services	850,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Main activities include public outreach, contractor construction of the project, construction inspection services, engineer oversight of project construction	9,150,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to design and construct improvements at the Del Prado WWTF to increase capacity, enhance treatment, and ensure permit compliance. The project will reduce sanitary sewer overflows, improve nutrient removal, and support continued reliable wastewater service and environmental protection for the rapidly growing Lee County-North Fort Myers area.

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



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Expand sewer treatment capacity and increase resiliency during severe weather events to eliminate/reduce sewage seepage, reduce the nutrient loading in stormwater, groundwater & surface water & mitigate the risk of red tide to the area.

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

The wastewater treatment plant will be expanded to accomodate tremendous growth occurring in Lee County and will protect citizens from overflows of wastewater which can be a public health concern and cause other health concerns such as red tide

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

All of the population of North Fort Myers and will benefit all the citizens of Lee County by providing additional wastewater treatment capacity thus helping to maintain water quality and reduce nutrient loading.

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

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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 suggested penalty for not meeting the deliverables is to refund the FDEP 20% of the total funding received for each calendar year past the project completion date, not to exceed 100% of the total funding amount.

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?

Not yet begun. Preliminary Planning only.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

None. 0 percent

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2028

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.