



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2013

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will support the expansion of the reuse water system in North Fort Myers to increase reclaimed water availability for irrigation. This project will reduce potable water demand, support community growth, and promote long-term water resource sustainability in the service 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	550,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,450,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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 derived from the charges for water and sewer services billed to the customers of the North Fort Meyers FGUA utility system.

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 pursuant to Chapter 163.01 (7) will own the facilities. 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, construction and inspection services.	550,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The main activities include public outreach, contractor construction and inspection services, engineering oversight of construction.	4,450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The project will construct improvements to the reclaimed water system, including expansion of the reuse distribution network, installation of supporting infrastructure, and system upgrades to deliver additional reclaimed water for irrigation. This project will reduce potable water demand, support community growth, and promote long-term water resource sustainability in the service area.

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



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These activities will increase reuse availability and reduce potable water use in the service area. Increased reclaimed water availability through construction of reuse water mains supports future residential and commercial development and reduces potable water demand, lowering long term utility costs. Reduction in potable water withdrawals and increased reuse irrigation helps conserve regional freshwater and protect natural ecosystems.

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

Citizens will receive reuse water at their residences or commercial establishments such as golf courses or sod farms will receive reuse water for use in irrigation purposes. Governmental entities will also benefit in use of reuse water for irrigation at parks, ball fields, stadiums or other governmental buildings.

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

All residents and citizens of North Fort Myers and Lee County will benefit from use of reuse water. Increased reclaimed water availability supports future residential and commercial development and reduces potable water demand, lowering long term utility costs.

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

Reducing reliance on groundwater withdrawals helps protect the aquifer from over-extraction and saltwater intrusion. Track the number of new reuse connections and compare annual reclaimed vs. potable water usage in utility reports. Measure annual potable water savings (gallons) and increased reclaimed water usage through utility reporting and compliance documents.

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:



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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?

Not yet begun. Initial planning only.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

None. Zero percent



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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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