



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2014

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In response to one of the State of Florida's initiatives, this project converts up to 300 septic tank sewer systems in the FGUA North Fort Myers service area to an updated collective sanitation and treatment system. The project area includes lower-income customers, and additional funding would significantly reduce their financial burden.

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	625,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,375,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
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>5,000,000</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.

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?

06/01/2026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

##### 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)

#### 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	The main activities include public outreach, permitting, project management, grant management, project construction and project inspection services.	625,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Main activities include public outreach, contractor construction of the project, construction inspection services, engineer oversight of project construction.	4,375,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

The project is focused on improving water quality and sanitation in the FGUA North Fort Myers service area by transitioning septic tank sewer systems to a more modern and reliable treatment system. This is beneficial not only for residents but also for the surrounding environment, particularly the Caloosahatchee Basin and Estuaries, which are impacted by excessive nutrient loading.

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



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Construction of sewer mains and connection of homes to sewer line for collection and transmission of wastewater to collective sewage treatment plant. Wastewater will receive treatment in excess of that provided by septic tanks. Septic tanks will be taken out of service.

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

Sewage treatment will be provided to citizens minimizing maintenance of septic tank systems, minimizing sewage overflows or issues with septic tank systems during flooding or weather events.

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

Residents of North Fort Myers. Project will take approximately 300 homes off septic tanks so assuming 4 persons per household, approximately 1200 individuals will be served and benefit from the project.

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

North Fort Meyers is located within a BMAP. A centralized sewer collection, treatment and effluent disposal system allows for the removal of septic tanks which reduces the nutrient loading on the groundwater and surface water. FGUA will communicate with the water management district for its sampling results in monitoring ground water nutrient loading and improvement as septic systems are taken off line.

**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 begun. In planning stage.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

None. 0 percent.

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

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