



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2005

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

4. Project/Program Description

As aligned with a key priority of Governor DeSantis, the City is seeking state appropriations or grant support to provide financial assistance to approximately 400 Palm Bay households with connection to City sewer, where available, and abandonment of septic tanks, in accordance with Section 381.00655, Florida Statutes. Staff estimates the average cost per resident to connect to the City's centralized sewer system is \$12,000, of which approximately \$5,670 are the City's Utilities Department fees. On Oct. 5, 2023, Palm Bay City Council has agreed to waive all City utility-related connection fees except for the \$100 meter and deposit fee per household.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	73%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,848,420	27%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,848,420	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	2,100,000	0603	No

9. **Is future 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.

City Council will have to authorize staff to seek eligible grant funding to assist residents, as well as continue to provide payment options for approximately 1,066 households currently on septic where centralized City sewer is available.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Yes, the City of Palm Bay received approximately \$1.5M in Coronavirus Relief Funds and CDBG-CV1 and CV3 funds as well as just over \$18M in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. 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.

The owners of the centralized sewerage system is City of Palm Bay. Where the City currently has sewer lines running through residential neighborhoods, the individual property owners shall be required to connect and maintain their portion of said connection. Approximately 400 households will benefit.

13. 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: Other		
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	abandonment of septic tank and connection to City centralized sewerage system for approx 400 households	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Improved water quality and the health of Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon, reducing damaging nutrients flowing into local water bodies, by the abandonment of approximately 400 septic tanks in Palm Bay and the connection to the City's centralized sewerage system.

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

The City's Utilities Department will notify approximately 400 households currently on septic where sewer is available mandating connection within 365 in accordance with Florida Statutes. In that letter, the City will also notify residents of state appropriations available as well as the waiver of City utilities-related fees.

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

Financial assistance to abandon approx 400 septic tanks and connect to City centralized sewer to improved water quality

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

Approximately 400 Palm Bay households currently on septic where centralized City sewer is available

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

The expected benefits include improved water quality and the health of the Indian River Lagoon, and will be measured by the reduction in damaging nutrients flowing into Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon as well as an increase in the number of septic tanks abandoned and new households connected to a centralized sewerage system.

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 the contract?

It is reasonable to expect the the contracting agency forfeit funds for failure to perform or reimburse the State for funds that are not expended in accordance with this request.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) Save Our Indian River Lagoon
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?