



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1277

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Bay Boulevard, which is nearing the end of its service life and lies below the current floodplain level, is increasingly vulnerable to tidal flooding. This project will address these challenges by replacing drainage swales with underground stormwater pipes, significantly reducing flooding and improving reliability during emergencies. Beyond enhancing flood resilience, the project will improve safety for motorists and bicyclists by upgrading signs, pavement markings, and sidewalks. Additionally, proposed shoulder treatments will help reduce runoff, improving water quality in the area. As a combination reconstruction and resurfacing effort, this initiative not only enhances safety and accessibility but also strengthens the city's infrastructure for long-term sustainability.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	86%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	14%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,500,000</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.



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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?

1/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

City of Port Richey General 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.

The City of Port Richey

### 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	Engineering, Construction management and oversight, and reconstruction of approximately 1 mile of roadway.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose of the funds requested is to enhance flood resilience, improve public safety, and strengthen infrastructure sustainability on Bay Boulevard. By replacing aging drainage swales with underground stormwater pipes, the project will significantly reduce flooding and improve the road's reliability during emergencies. Safety for motorists and bicyclists will be improved through upgraded signs, pavement markings, and sidewalks, while proposed shoulder treatments will reduce runoff, enhancing water quality in the area. This combination of reconstruction and resurfacing will address the challenges posed by the road's age and floodplain location, ensuring long-term accessibility, safety, and environmental sustainability.

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

To meet the intended purpose of these funds, the project will include several key activities and services. The aging drainage swales along Bay Boulevard will be replaced with underground stormwater pipes to improve flood resilience and reduce tidal flooding. The road will undergo reconstruction and resurfacing to address its deteriorating condition and ensure long-term functionality. Safety enhancements, including upgraded signage, pavement markings, and sidewalks, will be implemented to improve conditions for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Additionally, shoulder treatments will be added to reduce runoff, contributing to improved water quality in the area. These activities will collectively enhance the safety, accessibility, and sustainability of Bay Boulevard.

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

The appropriation project will provide citizens with direct services that enhance safety, accessibility, and flood resilience along Bay Boulevard. Residents and motorists will benefit from reduced flooding due to the installation of underground stormwater pipes, ensuring reliable access to the road even during tidal or storm events. Improved signage, pavement markings, and sidewalks will create safer conditions for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The reconstruction and resurfacing of the road will ensure a smoother, more durable driving surface, while shoulder treatments will help protect local water quality by reducing runoff. These services will directly improve daily commutes, safety, and environmental health for the community.

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

The target population are Port Richey residents (approximately 3200 people).

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

The expected benefit of this project is a significant reduction in flooding, improved safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and enhanced environmental sustainability through better water quality management. To measure these outcomes methods include tracking flood frequency and duration in the project area before and after the improvements. Traffic and pedestrian safety will be evaluated using accident and incident reports, while resident feedback and surveys will gauge satisfaction with road conditions and accessibility.

**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?**

Reversal of funding.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  Yes

**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):**

Hurricane Helene

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**



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- 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)?**

- 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)



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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**19. What is the status of construction?**

Planning

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/30/2026

**22. Requester Contact Information**

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**23. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization** City of Port Richey

**b. Municipality and County** Pasco

**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. Phone Number

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