



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1278

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hardening of wastewater infrastructure to provide needed resiliency for maintaining service levels during and after storm events and protect health and safety of the residents. Rehabilitation of the lift stations with service life of 25 years and older to include structural improvements, pump replacements, piping modifications, and manhole retrofits.

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	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	83%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	17%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,200,000</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

10. Status of Construction



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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?

07/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/30/2026

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

City of Port Richey Utility 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 construction on three sanitary sewer lift stations.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

he specific purpose of the funds requested is to protect public health and prevent environmental contamination by rehabilitating sanitary sewer lift stations and raising electrical panels above the flood hazard area. These upgrades will ensure the continued operation of the sewer system during flooding events, reduce the risk of sewage overflows, and improve the resilience and reliability of critical infrastructure. By mitigating flood-related risks, the project will help safeguard water quality, protect nearby communities, and comply with environmental and public safety standards.

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



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To meet the intended purposes, the project will involve rehabilitating the existing sewer lift stations to improve their performance and extend their lifespan, ensuring they can effectively manage wastewater during heavy rainfall or flooding events. Electrical panels will be raised above flood-prone areas to prevent power loss during storms, ensuring continuous operation of the sewer system and preventing service disruptions. Additionally, flood mitigation measures will be implemented around the lift stations to reduce the risk of sewage overflows caused by flooding. Regular maintenance and monitoring will also be conducted to ensure the long-term reliability and functionality of the upgraded system. These activities will enhance the resiliency and efficiency of the community's sewer system, providing safe, uninterrupted service to citizens.

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

The appropriation request will provide citizens with improved public health and safety by ensuring the reliable operation of the sanitary sewer system during flood events. By rehabilitating the sewer lift stations and raising electrical panels above flood levels, the project will prevent sewage overflows, reducing the risk of environmental contamination and waterborne diseases. Citizens will benefit from enhanced sewer system resilience, minimizing disruptions to service and safeguarding the community from potential health hazards associated with flooding and sewage backup. Additionally, the project will ensure compliance with environmental regulations, further protecting public health.

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

The target population are residents of Port Richey (approximately 3200). This included significant areas of low to moderate income areas within the City of Port Richey.

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

An expected benefit of this project is the improvement in sewer system reliability and a reduction in sewage overflows during flooding events, which will enhance public health and protect the environment. The project will ensure that the sewer system remains operational during extreme weather, preventing water contamination and reducing health risks associated with sewage backups. To measure the outcomes, the system's performance will be monitored by tracking the number and severity of sewage overflows before and after the project. The operational performance during storm events will be evaluated to assess the success of flood mitigation measures in preventing disruptions. Water quality testing will be conducted regularly in surrounding areas to measure reductions in contaminants such as E. coli or other pathogens related to sewage overflows. Additionally, customer feedback and service records will be reviewed to analyze citizen complaints and service disruptions related to sewer backup.

**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?**  No  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?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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



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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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