



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1279

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Implement critical storm water improvements addressing localized flooding and canal depth and capacity restoration and improving water quality in important estuaries and waterways. These efforts will enhance the resilience and capacity of our stormwater infrastructure, protecting public safety, property, and the environment. The proposed improvements include upgrading drainage systems, constructing retention basins, and enhancing conveyance pathways to mitigate flooding impacts on residential, commercial, and public areas. Additionally, the project will focus on clearing sediment buildup to restore waterway depth and flow capacity of critical canals that serve as essential stormwater pathways.

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	2,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,400,000

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)	2,400,000	92%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	8%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,600,000	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.



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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?

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 Stormwater 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
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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering, construction management and oversight, and construction for stormwater lines, pumping stations, and cleaning of essential stormwater conveyance features.	2,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,400,000

13. Program Performance

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



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the purpose is to reduce flooding, improve stormwater management, and protect public and environmental health. By installing new pipes and pumping stations and cleaning out canals, the project will enhance the capacity and efficiency of the stormwater system. This will mitigate flood risks during heavy rainfall, safeguard infrastructure and property, and improve water quality by reducing debris and pollutants in waterways. The project will create a more resilient stormwater system that can effectively manage current and future demands, benefiting the community through increased safety and environmental protection.

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 involve several key activities and services. New stormwater pipes will be installed to improve drainage capacity and efficiency, while pumping stations will be constructed or upgraded to enhance water flow and prevent localized flooding during heavy rainfall. Canals will be cleaned to remove debris, sediment, and blockages, restoring their ability to manage stormwater effectively and reducing flood risks. These improvements will also enhance water quality by preventing pollutants from accumulating in waterways.

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

The appropriation request will provide citizens with direct services that reduce flooding in neighborhoods and streets, ensuring safer conditions during heavy rainfall. Improved stormwater infrastructure, including new pipes and pumping stations, will enhance the system’s ability to manage water flow, protecting homes, businesses, and public spaces from water damage. Cleaning out canals will reduce blockages and improve water quality, benefiting public health and the environment. These services will create a more resilient community by minimizing flood risks, protecting property, and ensuring cleaner, more sustainable waterways for residents.

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?

The expected benefit of this project is the reduction in flooding and improved stormwater management, leading to enhanced community safety, protection of property, and better water quality. The methodology to measure the outcome includes tracking the frequency and severity of flooding events in areas impacted by the improvements, comparing pre- and post-project data. Water quality testing will also be conducted in the affected canals to measure reductions in pollutants such as sediment and debris

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

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



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- 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)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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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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