



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1280

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Oldsmar experienced significant damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, including severe storm surge inundation at the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), highlighting the urgent need to enhance its resilience. This project addresses this need by raising electrical panels, adding processes to standby power, flood-proofing lift stations, and increasing treatment capacity, ensuring continued operation during and after storms. By incorporating redundancy in critical systems, the WRF will be better equipped to withstand severe weather events, minimizing the risk of regulatory violations and ensuring consistent finished water quality.

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	2,160,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,160,000

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)	2,160,000	38%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,600,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,760,000	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?

7/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/01/2028

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

Water/Sewer Operating revenue

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.

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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	This project is a proactive investment in Oldsmar's infrastructure, promoting resiliency, environmental stewardship, regulatory compliance, and public health by improving the City's wastewater management services.	2,160,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,160,000

13. Program Performance

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



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This project will improve components and expand the WRF's capacity of treatment processes, enhancing its resilience and ensuring it can meet future treatment demands. By increasing its capacity, the facility will better withstand weather events (including increased flow), minimize the risk of regulatory violations, and improve operational efficiency for consistent finished water quality and operational flexibility. This expansion will also contribute to a healthier Tampa Bay by reducing nutrient pollution.

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

Expansion and improvement of the WRF facility.

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

The improvements at the WRF will enhance Oldsmar residents' quality of life by securing reliable wastewater treatment services during storm events and growing community needs.

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

Residents and visitors are served by this project. Thousands expected to be served.

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

Supporting public health by ensuring that water meets regulatory standards before discharge or reuse. These enhancements will improve treatment efficiency and ensure operational redundancy, enabling the WRF to consistently meet finished water quality standards, even during increased loading from storms or other unforeseen events. Methodology is advancing the City's overall capacity for sustainable wastewater management.

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?

Return of Funds

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):

Helene and Milton

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:



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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)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Not Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/1/2028



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22. Requester Contact Information

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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.