



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1300

1. **Project Title** Bradenton Beach Overhead Powerline Removal Barrier Island Disaster Preparedness

2. **Senate Sponsor** Jim Boyd

3. **Date of Request** 2/10/2025

4. **Project/Program Description**

The City has been investing millions of dollars in the hardening of its community with the conversion of overhead powerlines to improve the aesthetics and safety, generate more tax revenues, enhance commercial growth, and bolster resiliency efforts, all of which are immediately realized with objective proof of success. The entire south end of the City has ben hardened by removing all poles and utility lines, which expedited the recovery from storm events at a substantially faster rate. Property owners and commercial establishments were immediately able to begin restoring their properties since power was more quickly made available. FPL found they had less damage to its utility infrastructure since it was buried and protected from the hurricanes. The lines prevented redevelopment of pre-firm structures to larger FEMA-compliant structures.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental Protection

**State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,000,000</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)	6,000,000	86%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	14%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	3,000,000	1665A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/1/2027

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

The benefit of the project is that ongoing operations and maintenance will be turned over to Florida Power and Light with no responsibility of the municipality or State.

### 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.

Florida Power and Light, Spectrum, Verizon and Comcast. Utility owners that provide service to the entities residents and tourists. FDOT will indirectly receive fixed capital outlay for the construction of the underground relocation for the Cortez SR789 Bridge and all power line removals and all easements for the Complete Street Project. Bradenton Beach would use the appropriation to secure all easements, remove obstructions in the ROW and remove overhead powerlines for the SR789 improvement

### 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	Surveying, Design, Permitting, Bidding and Construction Engineering Inspection services, plus Project Construction including bollards, sidewalk reinstallation, landscape replacement, conduit, wire, transformers, and like materials.	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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SR 789/Gulf Drive is the only means for visitors and residents to get on and off Anna Maria Island. Burying lines eliminates weather-related power outages and provides more reliable service and greater resiliency per SB 796 - 366.96, Fla. Stat. Safety and Community Health Burying lines eliminates fire hazards, accidents, and safety risks from power outages due to downed lines. There have been two house fires and an electrocution from past hurricanes in the City from powerlines. Following Hurricane Ian, the City was the first barrier island city on Anna Maria to have its power restored due to the 2019 \$2,000,000 State Appropriation and recovery for FPL and home/business owners was much quicker following hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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

The complete conversion of current aerial facilities to underground. This includes the design, materials, construction, wreck-out of aerial facilities, and construction management. This project will have a dual benefit of creating a corridor of usable property without the need for property acquisition by the FDOT for the Complete Streets Project. The City of Bradenton Beach will acquire all easements and land acquisitions needed for the underground conversion and the impending FDOT Cortez SR789 Bridge Replacement.

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

Safer, more aesthetic & reliable system. Reduces the risk of limited mobility as a result of storm events/damage. Improve resiliency for power service to the residential and tourist barrier island community. The City of Bradenton Beach has become the staging site for after-storm first responders & FPL crews following the past few hurricane seasons due to the underground work in the South end of the City, which has allowed the south end and its business district to continue service with power. This will also eliminate the fires and electrocutions occurring from storm-downed lines. There have been two house fires in the City & an electrocution from past hurricane seasons on the north end where the power lines remain

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

Elderly, residents, businesses, tourists, and students. The City is mostly tourist populated with approximately 80% of the residences being rentals. In fiscal year 2023, 3.8 million visitors generated 2.2 billion dollars in Manatee County.

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

FDOT/FPL will save over \$1,000,000 for the work Bradenton Beach will do in preparation for the Cortez Bridge and Complete Streets with relocation of overhead lines, equipment, landscaping obstruction removal and securing of public ROW/Easements. Immeasurable benefit of providing a safe evacuation route from the Barrier Island for Bradenton Beach and Longboat Key along SR 789. Benefit of keeping power on during storm events for a tourist-driven area will increase visitors and tourist dollars to the area. The benefit of removing the power lines from the rights-of-way in very limited real estate (barrier island developed in 1957) provides huge opportunities to install stormwater drainage, wider and safer pedestrian and bicycle corridors (some

**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 unused funding to the State.

**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):**

Hurricanes Helene and Milton

**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):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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



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University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. 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.*