



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1316

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Town's stormwater project aims to tackle recurring flooding issues by allocating funds for the development of design plans and critical infrastructure improvements. This encompasses upgrading drainage infrastructure, including upsizing pipes, installing a higher-capacity pump station, and enhancing the outfall system with manholes. The primary goals are to improve drainage efficiency and establish alternative water pathways, thereby reducing flooding impacts and contributing to the regional well-being. These improvements will not only directly benefit the community by safeguarding properties but will also extend their positive impact regionally. By reducing flooding and ponding incidents, these enhancements will alleviate traffic congestion and minimize disruptions to the state highway system and region. Moreover, the mitigation of flood-related issues will encourage commuters to continue supporting local businesses, thereby bolstering the local economy.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	38%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,600,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No
- 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?** 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8/30/2026

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

The Town's Public Works Department operating budget will carry out ongoing maintenance.

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 Town of Surfside will receive the funds and carry out the work within Town limits.

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	The funds will be allocated for the Town to authorize its engineering consultants to develop design plans and subsequently procure a contractor for the implementation of the infrastructure improvements.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds are vital to address recurrent flooding and boost resilience in the Town's residential area. This project aims to reduce flooding risks by upgrading drainage infrastructure, upsizing pipes, installing a higher-capacity pump station, and improving the outfall system with manholes. These enhancements will improve drainage efficiency, provide alternative water paths, and enhance overall resilience, aligning with community goals to protect residents and Town infrastructure.



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

The requested funds will be directly used to enhance the stormwater infrastructure, which will ultimately benefit the residents of Surfside. Specifically, the funds will support activities and services aimed at reducing flooding risks, including upsizing pipes, installing a higher-capacity pump station, and implementing a better drainage system overall.

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

The requested funding will not directly provide traditional services but will have a direct and significant impact on the community. It will improve the stormwater system's capacity to quickly mitigate flood damage, benefiting all residents by safeguarding their properties and enhancing overall resilience against flooding.

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

The project, which concentrates on improving stormwater systems to prevent flooding and water accumulation while also bolstering road safety and safeguarding both property and lives, is anticipated to make a significant, community-wide impact. This vital initiative is poised to benefit thousands of individuals, encompassing Surfside's residents and visitors, thereby including the general public. By addressing pressing concerns related to flooding, water accumulation, and road safety, it will effectively mitigate substantial risks and hazards faced by the community.

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

The expected benefits of this project are various, encompassing improvements in transportation conditions, economic activity, tourism, stormwater management, and surface water quality. To measure these outcomes, various methodologies will be employed. The project aims to reduce the frequency of road closures due to flooding, with records of such closures both before and after its completion serving as a quantitative measure of success. Economic impacts can be assessed through data on lost revenue and business closures caused by flooding incidents, illustrating the project's contribution to economic stability. Increased tourism and enhanced occupancy rates in local accommodations can be measured using tourism statistics. Stormwater improvements will be evaluated through annual assessments and NPDES reporting, ensuring a decrease in property damage and a safer living environment.

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?

If the Town of Surfside falls short of the contract's objectives in managing funds, it's important to implement reasonable measures such as performance improvement plans, additional training for support, and regular progress meetings to address concern and monitor performance.

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

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
- Yes, Received
- No



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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)

N/A



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19. What is the status of construction?

Design

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/30/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

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23. Recipient Contact Information

a. **Organization** Town of Surfside
 b. **Municipality and County** Miami-Dade

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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