



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1321

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will be used to rehabilitate and upgrade Digester Tank 2 at the City of Margate Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project includes structural repairs, replacement of mixing equipment, installation of new aeration systems, electrical modifications, and improvements to access and safety features. These upgrades aim to enhance operational efficiency, ensure regulatory compliance, and extend the lifespan of critical infrastructure.

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	700,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>700,000</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)	700,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	700,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,400,000</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**



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**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)?**

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?**

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

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

**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.**

**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	Structural Rehabilitation & Coatings (tank repairs, new coatings, walkway/platform modifications) Mechanical Upgrades (new aeration system, air supply modifications, pump and rake replacements) Electrical Upgrades (power supply modifications, lighting, and control enhancements) Demolition & Site Preparation (removal of outdated equipment and temporary improvements)	700,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>700,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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



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

Structural Rehabilitation – Repair and replace corroded components, coatings, and structural elements of Digester Tank 2. Mechanical Upgrades – Install new aeration systems, bulkhead walls, air supply piping, and mixing equipment to improve sludge processing. Electrical Improvements – Upgrade power supply, lighting, and control systems for enhanced efficiency and reliability. Demolition & Site Preparation – Remove outdated equipment and modify platforms and access points for safer operation. Regulatory Compliance & Engineering Oversight – Ensure the facility meets EPA and Florida DEP wastewater treatment standards. Bidding & Construction Management – Oversee contractor selection, quality control, and project execution.

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

The appropriation project will indirectly benefit citizens by ensuring a safe, reliable, and efficient wastewater treatment system. While it does not provide direct services, it supports essential public health and environmental protection by: Preventing Sewage Backups & Overflows – Reducing the risk of system failures that could lead to wastewater spills in homes and streets. Ensuring Clean Water & Public Health – Properly treating wastewater to prevent contamination of drinking water and local waterways. Supporting a Healthy Environment – Reducing pollutants and improving water quality in surrounding ecosystems. Maintaining Reliable Utility Services – Improving infrastructure to prevent costly emergency repairs and service interruptions for residents. These improvements ensure the community receives uninterrupted and high-quality wastewater treatment services that protect public health and the environment.

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

The target population served by this project includes residents and businesses in the City of Margate and the southern portion of Coconut Creek, totaling approximately 61,300 people. By upgrading Digester Tank 2 at the Margate Wastewater Treatment Plant, the project ensures continuous and reliable wastewater treatment services, protecting public health, maintaining environmental quality, and supporting the long-term sustainability of the community's wastewater infrastructure.

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

Improved Wastewater Treatment Efficiency – Enhanced sludge processing and aeration will optimize treatment performance. Increased System Reliability – Reducing equipment failures, service disruptions, and emergency repairs. Regulatory Compliance – Ensuring adherence to EPA and Florida DEP wastewater treatment standards. Environmental Protection – Improved effluent quality reduces pollutants, protecting local waterways and ecosystems. Public Health & Safety – Preventing wastewater overflows and contamination risks for residents. Methodology for Measuring Outcomes: Effluent Quality Monitoring – Regular testing to ensure compliance with state and federal wastewater discharge limits. System Performance Metrics – Tracking reductions in equipment failures, unplanned maintenance, and downtime. Regulatory Compliance Audits – Annual inspections and reports verifying adherence to environmental and health standards. Cost Savings Analysis – Comparing maintenance and operational costs before and after proje

**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?**

In addition to standard contractual penalties, the contracting agency may consider the following: Financial Penalties: Withholding of Payments – Retain a percentage of contract payments until deliverables are met. Liquidated Damages – Impose daily fines for delays beyond agreed project timelines. Performance-Based Consequences: Corrective Action Requirements – Mandate remediation at the contractor's expense for any substandard work. Increased Oversight & Reporting – Require more frequent progress reports and additional third-party inspections. Contractual & Legal Actions: Contract Termination for Cause – If repeated failures occur, the agency may terminate the contract and seek a replacement contractor. Disqualification from Future Contracts – Restrict the contractor from bidding on future City projects due to non-performance.

**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)



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- 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
- 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)



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N/A

**18. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**19. What is the status of construction?**

Designed, Construction Ready

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/31/2025

**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



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f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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