



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1331

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will provide financial assistance to 295 property owners for connecting to sewer in septic to sewer neighborhood conversion areas. These sewer service expansion projects have received state cost-share previously for construction. Construction has started and the next phase of these projects will be connection of homes. The total nitrogen reduction benefit for the sewer projects is estimated as at least 7,942 pounds of nitrogen per year through the removal of septic systems.

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	900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>900,000</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)	900,000	3%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	11,966,888	42%
Local	15,891,745	55%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>28,758,633</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		
2023-24	0	1,189,264	1712	No

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/30/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Property owners will be responsible for maintaining the sewer infrastructure on their property according to state statutes and county code. The sewer utility will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the public infrastructure.

### 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.

Property owners will be reimbursed for costs to connect to public sewer and properly decommission their septic system.

### 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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, permitting, and inspection costs. Abandonment of deactivated septic system(s). Installation of private sewer laterals from street to house stub-out, connection fees, grinder pumps or lift stations (if necessary), electrical connections (if necessary), site restoration, and other costs associated with abandoning septic systems and converting to sanitary sewer.	900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>900,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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This project will reduce nitrogen pollution to the Indian River Lagoon by over 7,942 pounds per year by providing sewer service to 295 properties on septic systems in Brevard County. This will reduce the amount of nutrient and human waste reaching the groundwater and migrating to the Indian River Lagoon and lead to improved water quality, environmental health, recreation and property values.

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

Plumbing contractors will decommission the private septic systems and connect those properties to sanitary sewer.

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

Brevard County will provide funds for qualified plumbing and septic contractors to abandon septic systems and connect private properties to sanitary sewer. Funds will cover the costs associated with abandonment of deactivated septic systems and installation and connection of new sanitary sewer equipment.

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

The target population is households on septic who are contributing the greatest amount of nutrient pollution to the Indian River Lagoon, due to proximity of the septic systems to the lagoon, rapid conductivity of porous sandy soils, shallow depth to groundwater and other factors that convey pollution. In addition to the targeted households served directly, improved water quality in the Indian River Lagoon will benefit marine life, recreation, tourism and over 600,000 residents of Brevard.

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

Nitrogen pollution to the Indian River Lagoon will be reduced by over 7,942 lbs per year by providing sewer service to 295 properties. Monitoring data from the BreezeSwept project in Rockledge documented significant and swift nutrient and bacterial reduction following conversion from septic to sewer.

**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 not getting reimbursed for any unmet deliverables, Legislators will take past performance into account when considering sponsorship of future Legislative requests for this type of project.

**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
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**



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**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)
- 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?**

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



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2%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

**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

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