



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1364

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will assist over 350 properties within the Indian River Lagoon watershed to switch from septic systems to sanitary sewer. Funding will be used to provide sewer infrastructure to properties and financial assistance to property owners for connection to sewer.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operating | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,900,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,900,000 |

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) | 2,900,000 | 28% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 2,892,322 | 28% |
| Local | 4,516,414 | 44% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 10,308,736 | 100% |

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 | | |
| 2023-24 | 0 | 1,300,000 | 1711C | 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.

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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 7/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 01/01/2028

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

Homeowners will be responsible for maintaining their private connections to municipal sewer service. Utility Services revenue will be used for operations and maintenance of the sewer 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.

Local government and citizens of Brevard County who apply for grant funding for sewer connection assistance will receive capital outlay funding from this appropriation.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| 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 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | N/A | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | N/A | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | N/A | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Planning, permitting, and inspection costs. Proper abandonment of deactivated septic systems. Installation of sewer mains and laterals, connection fees, grinder pumps, lift stations, electrical connections, site restoration, and other miscellaneous costs associated with abandoning septic systems and converting to sanitary sewer. | 2,900,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,900,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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The ultimate goal of this project is to improve water quality in the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) by reducing the amount of nitrogen pollution from household wastewater that enters groundwater through septic drainfields. Eliminating this source of nutrient pollution helps prevent/reduce algal bloom events which reduce water clarity, decrease dissolved oxygen, and contribute to seagrass loss and fish kills. Reducing wastewater pollution from septic tanks is an important component of ongoing efforts to improve water quality and restore a healthy IRL.

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

Sewer service will be extended to unserved neighborhoods. Construction will include running sewer mains, running lateral lines, paying connection fees, and safely decommissioning abandoned septic tanks. Plumbing contractors will decommission at least 350 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?

At least 350 property owners of conventional septic systems within the Indian River Lagoon watershed in Brevard County will 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. A cluster analysis of the most polluting individual homes was done to identify neighborhoods that are the most polluting and are feasible to connect to existing waste water treatment plants without exceeding existing capacity.

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

This Project will eliminate wastewater pollution from at least 350 properties' septic tanks and prevent an estimated 3,461 pounds of Total Nitrogen from reaching the Indian River Lagoon. The success of the Program will be measured by the number of participants, the estimated reduction in nitrogen loading, and performance data from measuring the groundwater at a subsample of participating sites. 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?

Past performance should be taken into account by bill sponsors. Brevard County continues to meet its deliverables, however there could be a penalty for non-payment until contractual obligations are met.

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



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- 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)
- 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)



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N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Shovel ready. Permitting of infrastructure complete. Many homeowner connections contracted.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2028

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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