



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1368

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Lakeland seeks funding for Phase 1 of the Western Trunk Gravity Sewer Project, which has a total cost of \$22.3 million. The project is needed to replace a 36-inch gravity pipeline that is experiencing material failures and has reached its hydraulic capacity.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	5%
Matching Funds		
Federal	14,296,274	61%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,996,189	34%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	23,292,463	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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?

7/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

The City of Lakeland Water Utilities Department's Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Fund will be used for ongoing operations and 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 City of Lakeland Water Department.

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	Requested funds will be used to purchase certain materials, including pipes and manholes, that are critical for the construction of the project.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will help offset the total cost of Phase 1 of the project which is \$22.3 million. The project is needed to replace a 36-inch gravity pipeline that is experiencing material failures and has reached its hydraulic capacity.

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

Procurement and installation of manholes and gravity sewer main

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



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Improved reliability of wastewater services through upgraded construction and added capacity of the Western Trunk Gravity Sewer project.

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

The citizens and businesses within the Western Trunk Main project area of Lakeland will be served by the project. The Western Trunk Gravity Sewer Project is expected to serve >15,900 individuals.

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

The existing pipeline has reached hydraulic capacity thereby preventing new customer connections including new potential industrial or commercial establishments in the west Lakeland area. Adding capacity will increase the potential of new industrial or commercial customers to connect. The flows from proposed industrial/commercial customers can be quantified in gallons per day. Some industrial/commercial customers may have larger flow demands but will likely contribute more to the local economy in the way of jobs.

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?

Funding would be withheld if deliverables are not achieved.

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)
- 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



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- 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?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.