



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1418

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will support the Town of Hilliard's partnership with Nassau County to extend the public water system along US Hwy 1, Eastwood Road, and Henry Smith Road. This project will enhance the potable water system's capacity by providing fire protection, eliminating the need for private wells, and completing a vital loop in the distribution system. It will improve water pressure, increase flow reliability, and expand access to safe drinking water for both new and existing customers, ensuring the system meets the community's growing needs.

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	4,126,152
Total State Funds Requested	4,126,152

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)	4,126,152	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	195,000	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,321,152	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		
2024-25	0	1,950,000	1732a	Yes

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07/01/2027

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

Net Revenues of the Water and Sewer Fund.

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.

Town of Hilliard, Florida.

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	Funds will extend water mains throughout Hilliard, adding approximately 4,800 linear feet on Eastwood Road, 4,000 on US Hwy 1, and 10,000 on Henry Smith Road. The project includes fire hydrants, water services, ductile iron fittings, connections to existing mains, directional drilling, and restoration. Funds will also cover engineering services throughout the project.	4,126,152
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,126,152

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will extend the public water system along US Hwy 1, Eastwood Road, and Henry Smith Road. This will enhance the system's capacity, provide fire protection, eliminate the need for private wells, and complete a vital loop in the distribution network. The improvements will ensure increased water pressure, enhanced flow reliability, and expanded access to safe drinking water for both new and existing customers, supporting the Town's growth and development.



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

The requested funds will expand the Town of Hilliard’s water system southward along US Hwy 1 to support the orderly development of lands along the corridor. The project will provide an expanded water supply for fire suppression, eliminate the need for private well installations, and improve the overall reliability and capacity of the water system to meet the community’s growing needs.

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

The appropriation project will provide direct services through the extension of water mains along US Hwy 1, Eastwood Road, and Henry Smith Road. These extensions will improve the water supply for fire suppression, eliminate the need for private well installations, and enhance overall access to safe drinking water for both new and existing residents.

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

All 3,000 residents of the Town of Hilliard and residents of the surrounding Nassau County.

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

The expected benefit of this project is the elimination of the need for private well installations and the provision of a reliable water supply for fire suppression. Residents along US Hwy 1, Eastwood Road, and Henry Smith Road will be able to connect to the public water system, gaining access to fire protection and safe drinking water. The outcome will be measured by tracking the number of connections made to the new water system, as well as monitoring the reduction in private well usage and the improved capacity for fire suppression in these areas.

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 penalties, the contracting agency may consider withholding payment for incomplete or unsatisfactory deliverables, as well as exercising Performance and Payment Bonds to ensure project completion.

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) lative Appropriation Requests
- 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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0%

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

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