



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1525

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funding will be used to upgrade the 9th Avenue Pond in the Yinglings Addition neighborhood. Following consultation and observations of Hurricane Milton's impact, it was determined that increasing the capacity of the existing 0.87-acre stormwater pond is crucial. This neighborhood area is a closed basin, meaning there is no outfall for stormwater during significant rain events. Therefore, capacity improvements are essential. Planned upgrades include adjusting the existing pond's top of bank closer to the property's boundary to help enlarge the pond. Along with these improvements, we will regrade the slopes to be more vertical and clear out sediment buildup, thereby increasing the pond's capacity. These measures will help reduce flooding in the Yinglings Addition neighborhood.

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	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	85%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	15%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2026

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

Funding from the City's General Fund will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the pond.

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 Zephyrhills currently owns the pond and will retain ownership at the completion of the project.

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	All funds to be utilized for design, engineering, construction, and inspections during construction.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal is to protect the life, health, and safety of citizens from flooding through improved stormwater management. This will be achieved by creating additional stormwater capacity, thereby reducing flooding in the Yinglings Addition neighborhood.

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



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Funds will be used to secure design and engineering services, construct the project, and provide engineering services during construction for the stormwater infrastructure. These activities will be conducted in accordance with the City's procurement procedures and policies.

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

Direct services to citizens will be the protection of the public from dangerous flooding and unsafe conditions. The project will provide improved public safety by mitigating flooding risks, preventing property damage, and enhancing the overall quality of life. Additionally, these upgrades will increase the resilience of the Yinglings Addition neighborhood, ensuring a safer and more sustainable community.

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

The target population for this project is the residents of Zephyrhills, with a primary emphasis on the Yinglings Addition neighborhood. The project is expected to serve over 500 individuals, providing them with enhanced protection from flooding and improved public safety.

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

The expected outcome of this project is the successful capacity improvements of the stormwater pond on 9th Avenue, which will lead to a reduction in roadway closures, decreased property damage, and less flooding. The effectiveness of these improvements will be measured during the design, construction, and post-construction phases by modeling the previous flooding incidents and assessing the pond's volume along each step. This methodology will ensure that the increased pond volume and construction impact achieve the originally intended benefits.

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 the reimbursement of funds not correctly utilized for their intended purpose, and potential termination of the contract for non-compliance.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricane Milton

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:



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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?

Has not started

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2026



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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.