



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1531

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will allow for upgraded infrastructure by installing canal pumps, low rise barrier flood control weirs, and remote-operated slide gates which will address recurring flooding, water storage, and drainage inefficiencies caused by the town's unique topography and vulnerability to heavy rainfall and storm events. Improving the capacity to regulate water flow and enhance water storage will mitigate risks to residents, infrastructure, and public safety while promoting sustainable growth and development.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,500,000	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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	Construction and installation costs to address recurring flooding, water storage, and drainage inefficiencies which includes canal pumps, low rise barrier flood control weirs, and remote-operated slide gates.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

The planned upgrades will include canal pumps and weirs to enhance water depth control, storage capacity, and flow regulation during both wet and dry seasons. Remote-operated slide gates will provide precise and rapid adjustments to water flow, a critical capability during emergencies and regular operations. Additionally, increased water storage at the north end of town will reduce dependency on the C-51 canal, lowering extraction volumes and supporting groundwater levels throughout the community.

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



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The proposed improvements reflect Loxahatchee Groves' commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship by promoting responsible resource management and habitat preservation. Enhanced water management will not only support the needs of current and future generations but also contribute to the ecological balance of the region. These measures align with the goals outlined in the town's Comprehensive Infrastructure Plan (CIP), prioritizing infrastructure resilience, flood control, and sustainable development.

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

By implementing these infrastructure upgrades, the town will benefit from improved water management, mitigating the risk of water shortages during dry periods while ensuring consistent availability for agricultural, residential, and commercial users. Enhanced flood resilience will reduce the impact of heavy rainfall and storm events by efficiently managing water discharge, thereby safeguarding properties, infrastructure, and public safety. Low-lying areas particularly prone to flooding will see significant protection from property damage, service disruptions, and threats to public safety. The upgrades will also enhance emergency preparedness, allowing for immediate adjustments to water flow during hurricanes, tropical storms, and other natural disasters, ensuring the safety of residents and critical infrastructure.

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

The general public, visitors, residents, and business operators. The town population is approximately 3,560 per 2020 statistics. Additionally, this will benefit the surrounding areas which includes residential areas and a significant amount of rural agricultural land.

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

Flood mitigation, enhanced drainage, and ecological sustainability, fostering a safer and more secure living environment for residents. The funding request is essential to implementing these transformative measures, which will protect residents and their properties, enhance infrastructure resilience, and ensure the long-term prosperity of the community. Through these investments, Loxahatchee Groves demonstrates a proactive approach to governance and a steadfast commitment to creating a vibrant, resilient, and sustainable future.

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?

Reimbursement of funds to the State

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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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.