



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1542

1. **Project Title** Sarasota County Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement Program Resiliency Initiative - Force Main

2. **Senate Sponsor** Joe Gruters

3. **Date of Request** 1/23/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This project will provide wastewater system resiliency to wet weather events and wastewater system capacity in the Phillippi Creek watershed, an environmentally sensitive area of Sarasota County. The project will design and construct approximately 5,000 linear feet of 12-inch diameter force main (upsized from 10-inch diameter). This hydraulically limited segment of force main was originally installed in the 1980s and is in critical need of upsizing to reduce the risk of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) during wet weather events when the backpressure in the force main exceeds the pumping capacity of the associated upstream lift stations. These upstream areas include septic to sewer conversion areas on both sides of Phillippi Creek, part of the Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement Program. One of the lift stations is located near the shore of Phillippi Creek which could result in SSOs impacting the creek. The project will reduce the risk of SSOs in the areas served by this force main.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

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)	1,600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,600,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,200,000	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.**



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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?

03/15/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/18/2028

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

Public Utilities Operating Funds

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.

Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners, Public Utilities 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	Design/engineering/construction/oversight costs for the design and construction of a project to upsize 5000 linear feet of existing 10-inch diameter force main to a 12-inch diameter force main in order to reduce the risk of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) in the Phillippi Creek Watershed.	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

Design and construction activities will be contracted by Sarasota County as a Capital Improvement Project. Project oversight services will be provided by Sarasota County staff and management.

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

The services to citizens provided by this project are considered to be indirect. These services include increased sanitary sewer system capacity and resiliency against wet weather events, both of which will result in a reduced risk of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).

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

The target population served by this project are the 9,361 people who are connected to the portion of the sanitary sewer system served by this force main segment and the associated vacuum lift stations. Of this number, 6,795 people have recently been connected to the sanitary sewer system through the Phillippi Creek Septic System Replacement Program.

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

The project will result in a reduced risk of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in the areas connected to this force main. This will result in protection of the public and wetland/riverine/marine environments from the effects of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) which can cause exposure to pathogens and excess nutrient loads. The measure of success will be ongoing tracking of State-mandated reporting to verify fewer SSOs due to increased force main capacity resulting in compatibility with capacity of associated vacuum lift station, reducing the risk of SSOs.

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?

Sarasota County contract penalties could include our standard contract provisions which cover liquidated damages, withholding payment, and/or termination of contract.

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



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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)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?



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Not ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2/18/2028

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

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