



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1565

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricane Helene brought a 10-foot storm surge to Cedar Key and the city was unable to maintain operational power, water, and sewer systems. To bolster Cedar Key's resilience and ensure swift recovery in the aftermath of hurricanes, we propose the purchase of three 100 kW stationary generators and one 60 kW portable generator. They will play a crucial role in maintaining essential services and supporting their residential and business customers during power outages caused by severe weather events. Ensuring water and sewer services remain operational during and after a hurricane also reduces the risk of surface and ground water contamination which could negatively impact the City's \$45 million clamming and fishing industry.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	500,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025

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

Monthly water and sewer bills will be utilized to cover the costs of 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 Cedar Key Water and Sewer District will receive the fixed capital outlay funding and also owns the water and sewer facilities.

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	The total cost is for the purchase and installation of three 100 kW stationary generators and one 60 kW portable generator.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purchase of three 100 kW stationary generators and one 60 kW portable generator will play a crucial role in maintaining essential services and supporting the community during power outages caused by catastrophic events. This will allow District to maintain operational water and sewer systems to its approx. 800 customers during catastrophic events. It will also help reduce the risk of surface and groundwater contamination, which impacts the City's \$45 million clamming and fishing industry.

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

The purchase and installation of three 100 kW stationary generators and one 60 kW portable generator.

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

Through the purchase and installation of generators to prevent power outages, Cedar Key citizens will receive uninterrupted water and sewer service during and after catastrophic events.

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

Approximately 800 water and sewer service customers are expected to be served by this project.

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

The expected direct benefits of this project include uninterrupted water and sewer service during a catastrophic event. It will also improve physical and mental health; protect the public from harm; improve drinking-, surface-, and groundwater; increase tourism; improve wastewater and stormwater management; and improve economic activity. Methodologies by which these outcomes can be measured include tracking the number of customers that lose water and sewer service during and after a severe storm; water quality testing; and the number of days tourism and aquaculture are not permitted after a severe storm.

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?

Withholding of funds

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? 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 Helene

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):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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