



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1780

1. **Project Title** Miami Dade County GOULD'S CANAL FILLING AND RESTORATION TO REDUCE & PREVENT POLLUTION

2. **Senate Sponsor** Alexis Calatayud

3. **Date of Request** 2/12/2025

4. **Project/Program Description**

Land uses surrounding the Goulds Canal are a source of pollution to Biscayne Bay. If funded, the project will prevent contaminants from being drawn into the Goulds Canal, the adjacent L-31E canal and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands S-705 pump station project. The Goulds Canal filling will directly limit nutrients from traveling into Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves and Biscayne National Park. The project aligns with SFWMD's goals for CERP. The SFWMD and Miami-Dade County permits have already been issued for the construction of the entire length of the canal (3,220 ft) to be filled. The FDEP and USACE permits are soon to be submitted. Project completion will take up to 3 years with post-construction water quality monitoring conducted for a period of 3 years to corroborate hydrological restoration.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,750,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,750,000

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)	2,750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,750,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,500,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/31/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

Local government funds will be used for 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.

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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 requested funding will be spent on construction of the canal filling project	2,750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,750,000

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?

The project will hydrologically disconnect Goulds Canal to largely eliminate pollution being received by Biscayne Bay.

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

The general public will be served by this project by way of improving water quality in Biscayne Bay.

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

The project area encompasses southern Miami-Dade County but will serve all users of Biscayne Bay will benefit.

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

Water quality in Biscayne Bay will be improved following the hydrological improvement involved in filling a portion of the Goulds Canal and reducing the amount of pollution reaching Biscayne Bay.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

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

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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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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.