



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1868

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Rosenwald Gardens Stormwater and Associated Road Construction Project is the final component of a three-phase initiative. The project will capitalize on the work completed by the previous two phases by improving drainage and road access in an underserved neighborhood where the current infrastructure has been in place since the 1970s. The project will create significant benefits for current and future residents of the eight square blocks: upgraded utilities, reduced flooding, improve water quality in local waterways, decreased erosion, improved local aesthetics, increased property values, resilience by mitigating flood damage risks, improved filtration and water quality by filtering pollutants, facilitating residential and economic growth by creating access to more residential parcels, improving economic health by increasing property values and providing jobs opportunities, and improving neighborhood safety through better infrastructure.

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	1,878,978
Total State Funds Requested	1,878,978

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)	1,878,978	36%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,308,659	64%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,187,637	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?

06/30/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2026

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

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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	Construction of 7 block roadway systems, sidewalks, and stormwater	1,878,978
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,878,978

13. Program Performance

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

Complete a Road and Stormwater project. Eustis has outdated and incomplete public infrastructure. The City's need for funding assistance is even greater because we are located in one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. This high-growth rate challenges our limited resources to maintain and improve outdated infrastructure, which is essential to keeping pace with the increasing needs of this community. When completed the improvements will provide better flood control and mitigate flood risks in nearby neighborhoods as well as improve filtration and water quality by filtering pollutants. The project will also facilitate residential and economic growth by creating access to more residential parcels and will also improve economic health by increasing property values and providing jobs opportunities.



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

The City of Eustis is requesting funding assistance for a stormwater and related roadwork project to improve a series of platted streets named Coolidge Street. The street is a non-continuous north-south road corridor between Bates Avenue and Getford Road. There are two discontinuous segments approximately 800-ft in length which are paved while the remainder is comprised of approximately 1800-ft of unimproved "paper street" segments. These segments restrict easy access for residents to their homes and they have limited walkways which presents a potential safety risk. The road access limitations also make it difficult for emergency vehicles to access homes if medical, police or fire response are needed which is a major concern for the City.

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

Improved street surface and mobility, stormwater drainage, water quality in local waterways, decrease erosion, mitigating flood damage risks and improved property values. The project combined with recent water and sewer system upgrades will open approximately 250-300 new lots for affordably priced homes which will increase the City's tax base.

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

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

This project is a local priority to the City because it improves public safety and will make Coolidge Street a continuous road from North to South. The improvements will create easy access to homes which are currently not as easily accessible. It will extend existing walkways making it safer for the residents. It will also allow full road access by emergency vehicles responding to public safety and critical care situations. These improvements will also open-up portions of the area for future development of affordably priced housing to expand our community in that area.

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?

The City will repay the funding it received for this project.

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):

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.



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19. 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.