



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1920

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goal of these funds is to implement a document intelligence solution that evaluates program libraries, current research, data collection, and analyses to ensure FDACS is implementing the most effective, robust, and defensible best management practices (BMPs), programs, and regional projects to meet statutory directives. This project proposal aims to improve BMPs and regional projects for reducing agricultural nonpoint source pollution and conserving water.

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	2,100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,100,000

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)	2,100,000	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	2,100,000	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	To design and develop the Document Intelligence Solution to evaluate program libraries, current research, data collection, and analyses effort to ensure FDACS is implementing the most effective, robust, and defensible BMPs, programs, and regional projects to meet statutory directives. This project proposal aims to improve BMPs and regional projects for reducing agricultural nonpoint source pollution and conserving water.	2,100,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,100,000

13. Program Performance

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

Confirm water supply efforts & water conservation program meeting statutory requirements; Ensure future projects build on previous research & prevent duplication of funding; validate existing nutrient reduction efficiencies; ensure robust & defensible methods for selecting & adopting new BMPs and regional projects; identify potential BMP limitations such as legislative funding, statutory authority willingness of producers to implement & make recommendations to address.



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

Conduct inventory analysis of all program libraries, current research, and data collections; Implement Document Intelligence; Create a tool that stores all data in one place- improving organization, accessibility, interoperability and reusability of data and program libraries; Gain ability to easily search past project reports; Identify opportunities for additional analyses that would support statutory directives for BMPs, regional projects and water supply planning.

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

Document intelligence solution to evaluate program libraries, current research, data collection, and analyses to ensure FDACS is implementing the most effective, robust, and defensible BMPs, programs, and regional projects to meet statutory directives. This project proposal aims to improve BMPs and regional projects to reduce agricultural nonpoint source pollution, conserve water and improve surface and ground water quality.

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

Statewide population. Over 22 million citizens living in the state of Florida.

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

A document intelligence solution will provide FDACS with improved organization, accessibility, interoperability & reusability of data. This will give FDACS ability to easily evaluate BMPs and project ideas for better informed selection and adoption of future projects that improve water quality and agricultural benefits.

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 agreed upon metrics and deliverables will result in the Department withholding contracted payment of invoices until the work is done satisfactorily.

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):

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) State Agency

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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