



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2041

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

This project will construct a new Solid Waste facility to serve the residents and visitors of Gilchrist County. The new facility will replace and expand an existing facility which is unable to efficiently process the dramatic increase in waste our county has experienced. The project will allow for safer daily operations while reducing the amount of negative environmental impacts caused by solid waste. Furthermore, we will increase recycling capabilities and offer more services to the area. Specifically, we plan to expand our facility to the neighboring 9.6 acres of county owned land and construct a 10,000 sq ft transfer station building with a full tunnel design, a 1,500 sq foot scale house, a 5,800 sq ft metal canopy over inbound and outbound scales, a 1,500 sq ft HHW and Mosquito Control building, a designated Aluminum, Metals, Cardboard, Plastics, Yard Waste and Tire recycling areas. We have experienced an 86.76% increase in solid waste from 2761.44 tons to 5310.79 tons since 2012.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,221,652
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,221,652</b>

**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)	4,221,652	58%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	42%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>7,221,652</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.
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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?

01/02/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2025

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

State Operations Grant, Special Assessment and Tipping Fees

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.

Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners- Local Government- Self.

### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Materials, Construction, Land Prep, Planning and Engineering, Capital Equipment	4,221,652
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,221,652</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose for the funds being requested is to construct a new Solid Waste transfer facility to serve the residents and visitors of Gilchrist County. The new facility will replace an existing facility which is outdated and unable to process the dramatic increase in waste our county has experienced. The project will allow for a desperately needed expansion as well as more efficient daily operations while improving the health of our local environment.

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



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The services provided will be continued and expanded collection and disposal of Solid Waste, recyclables and Mosquito Control within our county. The funds will allow for a desperately needed new facility and expansion of our current capabilities. Currently, we are under-equipped to sustain the volume of solid waste and recyclables. These funds would greatly improve health, safety, and efficiency.

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

Services provided include removal and disposal of solid waste including but not limited to household garbage, construction and debris waste, tires, waste oil, yard waste, leachate, recyclables, toxic roundups. We also provide Mosquito Control. These services are critical to the health and wellness of our community and environment and we are currently incapable of maintaining the ever increasing demand.

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

The general population will be served by this project- we have a county population of 18,360 with over 175,000 annual visitors.

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

The expected benefit will be increased capacity and efficiency on our already strained Solid Waste facility as well as increased recycling abilities, expanded services to residents and visitors, illegal dumping and littering mitigation, and reduced operations costs. The outcome will be measured by tracking the increase in Solid Waste tonnage, tracking the decrease in operational costs, documenting the increase in recycled goods processed, track and log decrease in illegal dumping and littering and track new and expanded services offered following new facility.

**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?**

Deliverables/Performance will be measured monthly. If deliverables/performances are not met according to contract, they will be addressed immediately by County staff and the County engineer. If corrections are not successful within a timely manner, funds will be returned.

**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#:**



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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**



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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