



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2045

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The drainage project involves the installation of a stormwater drainage system in the southeastern part of the city, covering the area bounded by SW 5th St to the north, SW 7th St to the south, SW 104th Ave to the west, and SW 103rd Ave to the east. The system is designed to address flooding issues within these limits by meeting the required quantity and quality standards set by relevant permitting agencies. A unique feature of the project is the incorporation of trees to help manage water flow and reduce erosion. Tree roots enhance soil porosity, allowing water to infiltrate the ground more effectively, reducing surface runoff during heavy rainfall, and easing the burden on stormwater drains. This natural approach helps mitigate flooding and contributes to better overall stormwater management.

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	452,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	952,000

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)	952,000	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	952,000	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.



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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?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/31/2026

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

General fund revenues

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.

City of Sweetwater will be the recipient of any fixed capital outlay funding- direct relationship.

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	Acquisition of foliage and other equipment necessary to implement the drainage improvement project and mitigate the after effects of construction.	452,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All construction activity related to the installation and construction of a stormwater collection system, transmission piping, catch basins, junction boxes and appurtenant structures.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		952,000

13. Program Performance

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



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By installing a stormwater drainage system, the project directly tackles flooding issues in the southeast portion of the city. The system is designed to handle rainfall effectively, reducing the risk of water accumulation and potential damage to properties and infrastructure. The integration of trees helps manage water flow naturally. Tree roots aid in reducing surface runoff, enabling better water infiltration into the ground. This reduces the strain on the stormwater system and enhances overall efficiency in managing excess water during heavy rain.

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

Flood mitigation, thereby improving vehicle and pedestrian transit along certain corridors following major storm or rain events.

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

By implementing flood mitigation measures, the city can reduce the risk of property and roadway damage, which in turn saves costs on repairs and reconstruction. This helps maintain the city's structural integrity and ensures that essential services remain operational.

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

The residents of the City of Sweetwater. Approximately 25,000 residents.

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

The primary expected benefit of this project is the significant reduction in flooding in the city. By installing a stormwater drainage system, the project will efficiently manage runoff during heavy rainfall, preventing water from pooling on streets, in residential areas, or damaging property. The integration of trees into the drainage system will help further reduce surface runoff, allowing rainwater to better infiltrate into the ground. This will lessen the burden on traditional stormwater infrastructure, making the overall system more sustainable and efficient. In sum, the success of the Drainage Project will be measured by stormwater management performance which will provide a comprehensive view of its effectiveness.

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?

Revocation of funding and return of funds to the state

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):

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?



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Not ready.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/31/2026

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.