



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2090

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Belle Glade Municipal Complex Resilient Stormwater Improvements project is a comprehensive initiative designed to safeguard critical municipal facilities from flood damage and enhance overall resilience. The project involves upgrading drainage systems, installing new culverts, detention basins, and retention ponds, and elevating key infrastructure components where necessary to effectively manage stormwater runoff. These improvements will ensure the uninterrupted operation of essential city services during severe weather events, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and bolster public safety by mitigating the risks associated with flooding in a region prone to heavy rainfall.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2026

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

The City of Belle Glade will allocate a dedicated annual budget line for the Municipal Complex Resilient Stormwater Improvements project. Funds will cover routine inspections, sediment removal, drainage cleaning, and repairs to address damage from heavy rainfall and flooding. Advanced design enhancements are expected to reduce long-term maintenance costs, ensuring a sustainable, efficient, and safe stormwater system that protects critical community infrastructure.

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.

The funds for this project will be received exclusively by the City of Belle Glade, a bona fide local government entity. In accordance with state guidelines, the allocation is strictly dedicated to the Municipal Complex Resilient Stormwater Improvements, covering construction, operations, and maintenance. No private owners or external parties will receive any portion of this fixed capital outlay funding, ensuring the investment is used solely for public benefit.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funding is required for a full suite of contractual services, including comprehensive engineering design, permitting, competitive bidding, construction oversight, project management, and the installation of advanced water quality stormwater systems along with essential supporting infrastructure. This investment will enable the City to implement robust solutions that prevent flooding of critical municipal assets and ensure safe, uninterrupted access to City services, thereby protecting community	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to upgrade Belle Glade's stormwater management system, with the specific goal of preventing flooding of critical municipal assets and ensuring uninterrupted access to City services. This project will install advanced water quality stormwater systems, enhance drainage infrastructure, and implement necessary improvements to manage heavy rainfall and water flow more effectively. Ultimately, the investment will bolster community safety, protect vital public infrastructure, and support long-term operational resilience in the face of adverse weather conditions.

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

The funds will support a comprehensive range of activities and services designed to enhance Belle Glade's stormwater management system. Detailed engineering assessments will inform a competitive bidding process, followed by rigorous construction oversight and project management. Specific services include installing advanced water quality stormwater systems, upgrading and reinforcing drainage channels, replacing culverts, and removing sediment to improve water flow. Ongoing maintenance and inspection protocols will be established to ensure long-term functionality, all aimed at preventing flooding of critical municipal assets and ensuring safe access to City services.

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

Direct services provided by the appropriation project include upgrading the stormwater management system at the municipal complex to ensure continuous, safe access to essential city services during heavy rainfall and flooding. Enhanced drainage, culvert replacements, and sediment removal will reduce flood risks and protect critical infrastructure, ensuring emergency services can operate effectively. These improvements create a safer environment for residents by preventing water damage, reducing maintenance disruptions, and fostering long-term community resilience.

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

The target population for this project includes the residents and community members of Belle Glade who rely on the Municipal Complex for essential services, emergency operations, and public amenities. By protecting this critical facility from flooding, the project will directly benefit those who work at, visit, or live near the complex, ensuring uninterrupted access to city services. Based on local demographic data, approximately 20,000 individuals are expected to be directly served by these stormwater improvements, with additional indirect benefits extending to the wider community.

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 of this project is to establish a robust stormwater management system that minimizes flooding at the Belle Glade Municipal Complex, ensuring uninterrupted access to vital City services and protecting critical infrastructure from water damage. Success will be measured through a mixed-methods approach: quantitatively, by comparing pre- and post-project data on flood frequency, water flow rates, drainage capacity, and maintenance costs; qualitatively, via community and stakeholder surveys assessing improvements in service accessibility and public satisfaction during heavy rainfall events.

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 contracting agency may impose liquidated damages following a monthly audit, provided that a written warning detailing the unmet deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract has been issued and discussed. A financial deduction of \$1,000 per month will be applied until the deficiencies are fully remedied.



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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:

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



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- 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?

No construction activities have commenced, as the project remains in its pre-construction stage.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/01/2026

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



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Other (please specify) Municipality - Local Government

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

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