



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2181

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds needed to address de-watering process and to construct a maintenance and operations building that will consolidate operations to improve efficiency that will be designed to house the required heavy equipment and chemicals required to operate the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) facility; Improves wastewater management and protects personnel with appropriate facility located in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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	2,950,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,950,000

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)	2,950,000	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	2,950,000	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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/30/2027

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

General Revenue

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.

Wakulla County is the owner 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services for the implementation of the de-watering process (currently designed); Contractual services for engineering, design, permitting, bidding, engineering during construction, project management to construct building for maintenance and operations.	2,950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,950,000

13. Program Performance

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

Funds needed to address de-watering process and to construct a maintenance and operations building that will consolidate operations to improve efficiency; designed to house heavy equipment and chemicals required to operate the wastewater treatment plant facility; protect personnel in this rural area of opportunity; improve wastewater management and operations.

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



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To seek contractual professional services for engineering, permitting, bidding, engineering during construction, project management and construction to address the de-watering process design and build the Otter Creek WWTP facility.

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

Direct services to citizens is protection of life, health, the environment and safety with improved wastewater management and operations.

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

Greater than 37,000 individuals located in this rural area of opportunity.

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

Expected outcome is completion of design, construction and operations of Otter Creek wastewater improvements. Certification of the project.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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



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- 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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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.