



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2183

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project addresses critical infrastructure needs, focusing on water distribution system upgrades, mitigating tidal flooding impacts, and improving resilience. The city is experiencing water loss and system inefficiencies due to outdated infrastructure; while rising sea levels and extreme weather events further exacerbate the challenges. Hurricane Helene and the Gulf Winter Storm have highlighted our vulnerabilities. These storms caused flooding, water service disruption, and water system damage. The funding requested is for smart water meters, backflow prevention devices, fire hydrants, backflow/hydrant testing kits & water main isolation valves.

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	975,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>975,000</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)	975,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>975,000</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?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2027

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

The City's general operating fund will be used to fund any ongoing operational or maintenance cost.

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 City of St. Marks owns the facility.

### 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	Planning, engineering, design, and construction of critical infrastructure needs, focusing on water distribution system upgrades, mitigating tidal flooding impacts, and improving resilience.	975,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>975,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The specific goal of the project described is to improve the resilience and efficiency of the city's water distribution system, addressing both immediate and long-term challenges posed by outdated infrastructure, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and natural disasters.

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



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To meet the intended purpose of these funds, the following activities and services will be provided: Upgrading the Water Distribution System, Mitigating Tidal Flooding and Extreme Weather Impacts, Improving Fire Protection and System Control, Backflow Prevention, Water Main Isolation. These activities and services will directly address the city's infrastructure needs

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

The direct services provided to citizens by this appropriation project will include Improved Water Service Reliability, Improved Water Quality and Safety, Improved Emergency Response and Faster Repairs, Environmental and Cost Benefits.

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

The target population served by this project is the entire city of St. Marks including local businesses. This will also serve 30 residents and 11 commercial businesses just outside the city limits. The total individuals expected to be served is 500 plus the patrons of the businesses.

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

The expected outcome of this project is Improved Water Efficiency and Reduced Loss, Enhanced Resilience to Extreme Weather Events, Better Water Quality and Public Health Protection, Improved Emergency Response, and Increased Public Safety. The methodology to measure the outcomes is using smart meter baseline comparisons, storm impact analysis, routine testing of backflows & hydrants, recording response time data, and incident tracking.

**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 City will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**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):**

Hurricane

**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):

**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?

Staff has begun installing a small portion of smart meters as budget allows.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

2%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2027



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#### 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.*