



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2371

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Funds will be used to mitigate against flood damage and improve overall water quality by raising seawalls and transitioning some seawalls to living seawalls. During 2024, the city experienced three storm events that overtopped existing seawalls due to tidal surges.

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	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</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)	3,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>6,000,000</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**



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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?

02/02/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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

City of Clearwater has annual funding of seawall repairs.

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 Clearwater will own sections of seawall planned for this work.

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	Construct traditional elevated seawall and living seawall at several locations across City for future evaluation.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

Funds will be used to mitigate against flood damage and improve overall water quality by raising seawalls and transitioning some seawalls to living seawalls. During 2024, the city experienced three storm events that overtopped existing seawalls due to tidal surges. Vulnerability Assessment identified a large volume of seawalls that need to be raised. Funds would support initial design and construction efforts to raise several City of Clearwater seawall locations.

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

Develop design for raising seawall at several city locations using both traditional seawall and living seawall. Develop standard designs and specifications that can be used by residents to raise their seawalls. Construction of elevated seawalls at several city locations using both traditional and living seawall designs for future evaluation.

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



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Not applicable

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

Residents living in low-lying areas that are impacted by storm surges and excessive tidal elevations.

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

Mitigation against flooding caused by seawall overtopping. Flood losses can be evaluated against similar storm surges. Nutrient reduction from living seawalls can be sampled for assessment.

**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?**

Clearwater must provide Corrective Action Plan to demonstrate how project will be recovered. Corrective Action Plan to include specific deliverables and penalties if missed. Plan to be briefed to FDEP and updated based on FDEP feedback. Monthly reports on recovery process to be provided to FDEP. Future year appropriations could be reduced or eliminated. Clearwater cost sharing percentage could be increased.

**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



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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**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**



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#### 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.*