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The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Project Title	INDIAN ROCKS BEACH AQUAFENCE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

2. Senate Sponsor Nick DiCeglie

3. Date of Request 2/5/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is requesting an appropriation from the State of Florida to purchase a reusable Aquafence to protect our City Hall from storm surge. The City of Indian Rocks Beach City Hall is located at 1507 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785.

Aquafence is a rapidly deployable flood barrier system tested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer and is compliant with FEMA standards.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	476,250
Total State Funds Requested	476,250

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)	476,250	75%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	0	0%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%	
Local	158,750	25%	
Other	0	0%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	635,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (уууу-уу)	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
Is future-year funding likely to be requested?			No		
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

No

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0. Status of Constru a. What is the cur		he project? Construction ON/A	Λ			
b. Is the project "	shovel ready" ((i.e permitted)?	Yes			
c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 09/01/2025						
d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 11/03/2025						
e. What funding s	stream will be u	sed for ongoing operations	and maintenance o	f the project?		
City of Indian Ro	cks Beach Gene	eral Operating Fund				

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 Indian Rocks Beach 1507 Bay Palm Blvd. Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

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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/Majo	r Renovation:			
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Aquafence	476,250		
Total State Funds Requested (m	Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 476,250			

13. Program Performance

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

Aquafence is a rapidly deployable flood barrier system. This technology is specifically engineered to provide flood defense through its modular reusable design. Purchase of an Aquafence will be used to protect the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida City Hall from storm surge and flooding.

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

Deployment of AquaFence during times of flooding/storm surge



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

Aquafence will protect City Hall from storm surge and flooding, which would enable City Hall to be reopened to the public in a more timely and efficient manner.

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

The residents and visitors to the City of Indian Rocks Beach

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

Preventing water intrusion into City Hall, therefore saving tax dollars and a reduction in insurance claims.

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?

Penalties do not apply to this type of capital expenditure.

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

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☑ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- **D** Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricane Milton and Hurricane Helene

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

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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?

Awaiting approval of funding

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/03/2025

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name	DAN	Last Name CARPENTER			
b. Organization	CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH				
c. E-mail Address	DCARPENTER@IRBCITY.COM				
d. Phone Number	(727)595-2517	Ext.			



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23.	23. Recipient Contact Information							
	a. Organization	CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH						
	b. Municipality and	d County Pinellas						
	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	DAN		Last Name	CARPENTER			
	e. E-mail Address	DCARPE	NTER@IRBCIT	Y.COM				
	f. Phone Number	(727)595-	-2517	Ext.				
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	b. Firm Name							
	c. E-mail Address							
	d. Phone Number							

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