



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2478

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

4. Project/Program Description

Surfside is requests funds for a water main upsizing project essential for the community's well-being. The project will replace approximately 6000 Linear feet of 8" Cast Iron Pipe that was installed more than 60 years ago to 12" C900 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe. The town has grown more than 80% since the exiting pipe was installed to a current population of 5600 and is projected to increase 15% more by 2035. The current age and calcification of the pipes, affects service level to fire hydrants and residents and pose a environmental and fire servicing issue during emergencies. This project ensures Fire Code compliance, enhancing fire response capabilities and safety.

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
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,000,000	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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In the event that state funding is not available to support the Town's requested funds for the utility infrastructure work, alternative sources of funding will be actively pursued. The Town's strategy will involve seeking grant opportunities from federal and regional grant programs tailored to infrastructure improvement projects. Additionally, the Town will engage with local stakeholders and explore partnerships with nearby municipalities, businesses, and organizations to secure local support.

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?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2026

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

The Town of Surfside Public Works department will carry out all maintenance work from it's operating budget.

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 Town of Surfside will receive the funds and carry out the work within Town limits.

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:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design work for this project is complete and is in its final permitting phase, the Town will procure a contractor to execute construction of the Surfside's Collins Avenue Water man Replacement Project in strict adherence to the construction specifications.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000



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13. Program Performance

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

The project will replace and construct about 6,000LF of 8" cast iron pipe with 12" polyvinyl chloride pipe. This upgrade is vital as the entire community depends on this main for drinking water, and the existing pipe's calcification is impeding water flow, affecting service levels and posing concerns for the environment, fire hydrants and fire service during emergencies. This work will enhance water service reliability and replace an aging system that has reached the end of its service life.

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

To achieve the purpose of the funds, we will undertake several vital activities and services. This includes the replacement of the aging water main running along Collins Avenue with a new and robust up-sized infrastructure of resilient material (C900 PVC). By doing so, we aim to ensure a consistent and uninterrupted water supply, along with improved water quality.

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

The funding will directly benefit citizens by ensuring continued access to clean and reliable water supply. This infrastructure upgrade will enhance community safety and property protection, providing improved water quality and reduced risks associated with deteriorating pipelines. By ensuring the water main meets Fire Code, the Town can provide proper fire response during emergencies.

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

The replacement of the water main is expected to impact thousands of people, including both the residents and visitors of Surfside, encompassing the general public. This critical project addresses issues of deteriorating water quality and declining service levels, mitigating significant risks and hazards to the community. The precise number of individuals to be served by the project is contingent upon the population of Surfside and the number of visitors who rely on the water supply, as outlined in project documentation and based on demographic data.

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

The replacement of cast iron pipes with PVC C900 pipes not only significantly reduces environmental impact by preventing the release of minerals and chemicals into the ground, thereby improving soil and water quality but also safeguards the general public by ensuring Fire Code compliance, enhancing firefighting capabilities, and providing residents with a greater sense of security during fire emergencies. Furthermore, addressing water leaks in the current system substantially reduces costly water loss, promoting increased economic activity within the community and creating immediate job opportunities for the local workforce during the project's installation over 1-2 years. This infrastructure upgrade also ensures residents access to a cleaner and safer water supply, reducing potential health risks associated with deteriorating pipelines, and enhances water quality by converting the water system from a branch to a loop configuration while mitigating stagnation issues.

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?

If the Town of Surfside falls short of the contract's objectives in managing funds, it's important to implement reasonable measures such as performance improvement plans, additional training for support, and regular progress meetings to address concern and monitor performance.

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)



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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
- 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?



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- 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?

Shovel ready Design 100% complete

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 9/30/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Mark **Last Name** Blumstein
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23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Town of Surfside
b. Municipality and County Miami-Dade

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 Andre **Last Name** Eugent
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24. Lobbyist Contact Information

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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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