



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2479

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will provide funding for property owners to abandon septic tank systems and connect to available sanitary sewer infrastructure for approximately 13 homes in Virginia Gardens where sewer laterals are being installed by the County. The properties are located on NW 37th Street between NW 58th Avenue and 62nd Avenue. Providing financial assistance for private side connections will incentive timely connections, which remains the biggest barrier for property owners.

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	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	800,000	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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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?

1/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2026

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

Water and Sewer revenues collected from customers is used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system.

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.

Private property owners directly connected to the public sanitary sewer system.

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	Abandonment of septic systems and plumbing to connect to public sewer infrastructure.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

This project will provide funding for property owners to abandon septic tank systems and connect to available sanitary sewer infrastructure for approximately 13 homes in the Virginia Gardens neighborhood where sewer laterals are being installed by the County. This project addresses priorities set by the State's Biscayne Bay Commission, which includes reduced stormwater and wastewater-related nutrient inputs to surface waters in order to protect the state-designated Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve and Florida's Coral Reef.



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

The project will design and construct plumbing connections from public sewer infrastructure to individual properties. Once a property is connected to the sanitary sewer system, the septic tank will be properly abandoned. Providing financial assistance for private side connections will incentive timely connections, which remains the biggest barrier for property owners.

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

Property owners will be provided the service of plumbing connections and septic tank abandonment, including the required permitting and notifications.

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

This funding would support the private property connections in an area with a high density of unconnected properties that are vulnerable to rising groundwater levels, which interfere with the functionality of private septic tank systems. The County is installing sewer laterals in the Virginia Gardens neighborhood where the 13 homes are located. The properties are located on NW 37th Street between NW 58th Avenue and 62nd Avenue.

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

This appropriation will have social, economic, and environmental benefits including reducing costs to homeowners for establishing sewer connection, reduced impacts from septic systems compromised by rising groundwater including:

- reduce nutrient effluent impacts on ground and surface waters including Biscayne Bay
- reduce public health impacts from failing septic systems that have the potential to cause sewer backups in homes, impacting health and property
- reduce risk of exposure to bacteria and pathogens in floodwaters in areas with saturated soil conditions

The project will be measured by the number of septic tank systems removed and the removal of the associated nutrients.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

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):

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#:



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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?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 6/30/2026

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