

LFIR # 2599

1. Project Title Palm Beach Gardens Thompson River Restoration Phase I

2. Senate Sponsor Mack Bernard

3. Date of Request 3/3/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Sedimentation build-up and bank erosion have reached repairs beyond what is considered to be routine maintenance for the Thompson River. Dredging and bank stabilization will restore this vital stormwater infrastructure to its original condition. This project will prevent flooding, create additional stormwater storage, and improve water quality that drains into intracoastal state waters.

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	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	500,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes	
250,000	

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Local incremental funding.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

No

OF T LOOP	The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026			
10. Status of Construction a. What is the current phas ○ Planning				
		Yes 10/1/2025 9/30/2026 and maintenance of the project?		

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The city will fund on-going operations and maintenance through the annual operating budget and through the capital budget for any necessary capital improvements.

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 residents, businesses, school, and city recreation facilities adjacent to the river, nearby roadways, and overall enhanced flood prevention throughout the city due to increased stormwater capacity.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	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	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Dredging to restore cross sections, regrading riverbank, and installation of sod revetment mats for bank stabilization.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	nust equal total from question #6)	250,000

13. Program Performance

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

This project will restore a river with sedimentation build-up and bank erosion to its original condition. Dredging and bank stabilization will protect property by preventing localized flooding, create additional stormwater storage, and improve water quality that drains into intracoastal state waters.

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

Dredging to restore cross sections, regrading riverbank, and installation of sod revetment mats for bank stabilization.



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

The project will protect the property of residents and businesses adjacent to the river, improve water quality draining into state waters, and overall enhance flood prevention throughout the city due to increased stormwater capacity.

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

Both the immediate neighborhoods, school, and businesses adjacent to the river and residents citywide. The 62,000 residents of Palm Beach Gardens.

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

Flood prevention, improved water quality, and increased stormwater capacity. The outcome will be measured by cubic yards of debris/sedimentation removed, feet of canal bank stabilized, and increased stormwater conveyence.

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?

City will refund the appropriated funds if it does not meet the terms of the agreement.

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 infastructure)

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



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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?

- U 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?

Shovel Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name	Ronald	Last Name	Ferris
b. Organization	City of Palm Beach Garde		

9/30/2026



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	c. Organization Type						
	□For Profit Entity						
	□Non Profit 501(c	Profit 501(c)(3)					
	□Non Profit 501(c	(c)(4)					
	☑Local Entity						
	□University or Co	College					
	□Other (please sp	pecify)					
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