



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2614

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will be implemented to encourage the transition of homes in the Pretty Bayou neighborhood from aged septic tanks to a new low-pressure sewer collection system for 95 homes that are located in this Bay County neighborhood. This coastal neighborhood lacks existing wastewater collection services. Residents currently rely on existing aged septic tanks that are prone to leaking. Taking the residents off their aged septic tanks and connecting them to a new low-pressure sewer collection system will alleviate environmental hazard and ensure proper wastewater collection. Additionally, a new water main is being installed to replace the existing wells within the area. This new system of water distribution will be beneficial to the residents by ensuring adequate fire protection and potable water access.

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	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,000,000</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		
2023-24	0	3,000,000	3438	No

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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The project area is located within Bay County outside the city limits and currently has no water or wastewater collection. The city has committed to install wastewater collection in this area of the county in an effort to reduce septic tank leachate into St. Andrews Bay to improve water quality. 100% grant funding is the only option due to the location of the project.

## 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?

08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2026

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

The City of Panama City will use the same funds that they use for operations and maintenance of the remaining municipal utility services from monthly user rates.

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 City of Panama City

### 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	The requested funds for this proposed project will allow the city of Panama City to be able to obtain final permits, bid the project publicly for construction, as well as fund the CEI portion of this project so they can assure the project is done correctly and certified to the state and other permitting agencies.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>



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**13. Program Performance**

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

The neighborhood of Pretty Bayou currently has aged utilities that include wells and septic tanks that have the possibility of infiltrating the groundwater system and nearby state water bodies. As mentioned prior, this neighborhood is a coastal area that has a direct access to St. Andrews Bay. With the elimination of the leaking septic tanks and new water main, we believe this project will greatly benefit the residents of this neighborhood as well as support the states initiative to improve groundwater quality.

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

Construction of the improvements include but is not limited to septic tank to low pressure sewer conversion and water line upgrades from well to potable distribution lines. The cost can possibly include demolition and management of equipment being replaced/improved. A portion of these funds will also include design and permitting updates, and oversight during construction.

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

The citizens of the Pretty Bayou neighborhood will directly receive a secondary option for sewer disposal. Currently, the citizens of this neighborhood depend on the aged septic tanks for disposal and many need to be replaced. The process of replacing these tanks is costly, not environmentally pleasing, and unsitely. Once the newly installed low-pressure sewer main is operating and the new water main is operating, the residents will have the opportunity to switch to these city provided utilities. This will ensure that the residents will have a dependable system that does not need replacement every 15-20 years.

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

This project is Phase III of a multi phased project that involves the instillation of a low-pressure sewer main and water main in the Pretty Bayou neighborhood. We have already seen the benefits that have resulted from phase 1 portion of this project and how the residents of this neighborhood have relied on the consistent utility services. The target population for the phase 3 portion of this project is the remaining residents that have not been connected to the city's utility services, which includes 95 homes.

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

The outcome of this project will directly be related to the availability of potable water and wastewater collection. This will alleviate home owners of having to replace septic tanks or worry about having clean drinking water in certain situations. The instillation of these water and low-pressure sewer mains will require home owners to abandon their aged septic tanks and switching over to the city's water and wastewater system. The expected benefit will be the reduction of the demand on the Florida Aquifer and the improvement of the soil and groundwater conditions due to the septic tank systems. The outcomes may also be measured by how many times public swimming parks are shut down due to the high fecal coliform levels.

**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?**

Return of funds.

**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):**



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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?**

Construction of this project has not began due to the lack of funding.

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

30% of the overall planning area.

**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.**

**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**



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