



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2636

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Grand Ridge, Florida, is requesting a \$967,500.00 grant to complete the construction of sanitary sewer infrastructure to Interstate 10. These additional funds will match the \$832,500 previously awarded through a legislative appropriation from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). This extension will serve three established businesses and one prospective new business, transitioning them from individual onsite sewer systems to the town's sanitary system. The project will enhance sanitation services, promote economic development, and create job opportunities, strengthening the town's regional economic position.

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	967,500
Total State Funds Requested	967,500

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)	967,500	54%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	832,500	46%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,800,000	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		
2023-24	0	832,500	LPA0527	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.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2636

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?

04/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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

The project will become part of the Town of Grand Ridge's wastewater system and will be funded from revenues generated from users.

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 entity and owner of the facility will be the Town of Grand Ridge.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of lift station, sanitary sewer force main, gravity sewer, and associated improvements	967,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		967,500

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will extend the Town of Grand Ridge's sanitary sewer infrastructure to Interstate 10, including a lift station, a 6-inch force main, and a gravity sewer system. This extension will serve three established businesses and one prospective new business, transitioning them from individual onsite sewer systems to the town's sanitary system. The project aims to enhance sanitation services, promote economic development, and support local business growth. Ultimately, the project will strengthen the town's regional economic position, attracting future investments.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2636

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

The funds will be used for engineering design, permitting, and construction of a lift station, a 6-inch force main, and a gravity sewer system to extend the sanitary sewer infrastructure to Interstate 10. The project will assist businesses in transitioning from individual onsite sewer systems to the town's sanitary system. Additionally, construction engineering inspection services will ensure quality and compliance. This infrastructure upgrade will enhance sanitation services, promote economic development, and support local business growth.

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

The project will provide enhanced sanitation services by extending the sanitary sewer infrastructure, benefiting residents and businesses. It will support economic development by attracting new businesses and creating jobs, while also increasing property values. Additionally, the town will ensure ongoing maintenance and efficient management of the new sewer system, providing reliable services to citizens. These improvements will collectively enhance the quality of life and support the town's growth.

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

The project will serve the entire population of Grand Ridge, Florida, which is approximately 921 residents, including three established businesses and one prospective new business along the Interstate 10 corridor. It aims to enhance sanitation services, promote economic development, and increase property values, benefiting both the local community and the broader economic region. These improvements will collectively enhance the quality of life and support the town's growth.

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

The target population includes all residents of Grand Ridge, Florida, and businesses along the Interstate 10 corridor. The project will benefit the approximately 921 residents and support three established businesses and one prospective new business. The expected benefits include enhanced sanitation services, economic development, increased property values, and job creation. These outcomes will be measured through key performance indicators such as the number of businesses and residents transitioned to the town's sanitary system, new business establishments, investment levels, job creation, and changes in property values.

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?

There are no suggested penalties in addition to the standard ones.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2636

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) Infrastructure Fund

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2636

19. What is the status of construction?

Construction plans are being put out for bid

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%, project is being put out for bid

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2025

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Chris **Last Name** Harrell

b. Organization Town of Grand Ridge, Mayor

c. E-mail Address working4grandridge@gmail.com

d. Phone Number (850)545-0696 **Ext.**

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Town of Grand Ridge

b. Municipality and County Jackson

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 Justin **Last Name** Branch

e. E-mail Address townofgrandridge@embarqmail.com

f. Phone Number (850)573-6542 **Ext.**

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.