



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2657

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

This project addresses stormwater flooding and water quality within the Springdale and Scottsdale neighborhoods in Mary Esther. Initial funding was intended for both a 0.5-acre stormwater pond regrading (Phase 1, under construction) and 2,700 linear feet of drainage ditch improvements (Phase 2). Inflation-driven cost overruns on two completed infrastructure projects forced a reallocation of ARPA funds. This \$500,000 request will fully fund Phase 2 and complete the entire project.

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	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	30%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	30%
Local	670,410	40%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,670,410</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	500,000	1929	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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**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**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?** 02/09/2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 08/10/2026

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

The General Fund for the City of Mary Esther.

**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 Mary Esther will receive funding and complete the project. The existing drainage ditch is located on City property, dedicated easements with individual property owners, and Eglin AFB. The City is obtaining an easement from Eglin AFB. Subsequently, the project will be ready to bid out.

**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	Phase 2 (Proposed): City funds will be used for the design, engineering, and project administration. City and state funds used for construction of security fencing (1,130 LF), stormwater pipe(1,000 LF) and regrading the ditch (2,700 LF) along the NW boundary between Mary Esther and Hurlburt Field.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The goal is to reduce street and property flooding, while also improving water quality that is discharged into the Santa Rosa Sound.

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



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The project requires surveying, engineering, and construction. Engineering has been completed, however, additional surveying has been requested by Hurlburt Field to obtain an easement. State funds will only be used for construction.

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

Completion of the proposed improvements will increase property values, lower stress levels and improve the environment around the residential neighborhoods located in the northwest drainage basin within the City of Mary Esther.

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

The target population is the approximately 1,000 residents located in the northwest drainage basin within the City of Mary Esther.

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

Phase 2 (proposed) will divert a portion of stormwater flows into a separate ditch and drainage basin. This will mitigate property and street flooding while ensuring the continued functionality and treatment capacity of the expanded downstream pond, which discharges into the Santa Rosa Sound. Success will be measured by the increased stormwater treatment capacity of the drainage basin and a reduction in street flooding incidents.

**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?**

The construction contract will include a provision for liquidated damages for construction delays. Early completion bonuses will also be considered for inclusion in the construction contract.

**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):**

**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)?**



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- 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):**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

### 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)
- 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?**

Design completed and ready to bid. Awaiting an easement from Eglin AFB.

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

0

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

08/10/2026

**22. Requester Contact Information**



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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**

a. Name

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.*