



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2744

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The existing 30-40 year old Gabion system was damaged during Hurricane Milton, causing a failure in a portion of the system, impacting both stormwater and adjacent private residence properties. The Gabion replacement will explore alternative construction methods (e.g. culvert) and funding will restore stormwater infrastructure, secure banks, and support the City of Dunedin Stormwater Master plan to enhance storm resiliency and protect the environment, community and property. This project does not qualify for grant funding through FDEP.

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	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	46%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,012,000	54%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,862,000	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.**



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2744

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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

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

The stormwater fund and the general fund will allocate funding for replacement/repair based on the life of the system and regular required maintenance.

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.

City of Dunedin

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	Services to implement Stormwater infrastructure (Gabion replacement) improvements, labor, materials, removal of failed infrastructure, restore stormwater infrastructure and other related activities. Restoration of the Gabion system may be a closed system almost eliminating the repeat failure that occurred during Hurricane Milton.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2744

Replacement of 30-40 year old stormwater infrastructure through repair and replacement of existing Gabion system to increase stormwater migration and mitigate embankment failure due to the existing failure in the system during Hurricane Milton. Funding will restore stormwater infrastructure, secure banks, and support the City of Dunedin Stormwater Master plan to enhance storm resiliency and protect the environment, community and property.

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

Replacement of the stormwater system to a like or improved system due to system failure caused by 2024 Hurricane impacts. Improved construction methodology may provide improved outcomes for the system. Activities include project related construction services and project management, including public notification and updates as to the system replacement and prioritizing the most damaged, dilapidated and in-need areas first.

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

Protection of personal and real property for residents adjacent damaged gabion systems. Protection from flooding incidents and overall drainage system improvement, protection from sea level rise, improved ecosystem, improved waterflow and water distribution through canals, drains, pipes, culverts and inlets, and increased water conveyance capacity. All of the efforts will provide residents with improved protection of property, safety, and health.

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

Directly, Dunedin Residents of approximately 36,000 and indirectly, Pinellas County Residents and Vistors, which is over 1 million.

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

Reducing flooding incidents in normal and above normal conditions for overall drainage system improvements and protection from sea level rise through measurement of conditions before, during, and after events. Reduction of flood incidents to adjacent properties to the canal system through measurement of on-site conditions. Improving waterflow and water conveyance through the system measured by water flow rates, distribution rates and times, and water conveyance rates, contaminate and nutrient 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?

Reversion of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricanes Helene and Milton

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2744

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?

- 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?



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2744

Project is designed and shovel ready. Pre-construction.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

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

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.