



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2758

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project includes stormwater, wastewater, and roadway improvements along a 2.7-mile segment of Lakeview Dr. on the west side of Lake Jackson from US 27 to Fairmount Ln. Proposed improvements include: addition of inlets to increase runoff capture/treatment; rehabilitation of manholes; road reconstruction, milling and resurfacing, and curb reconstruction. This project is within the Lake Okeechobee BMAP.

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	5,080,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,080,000</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)	5,080,000	75%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,687,426	25%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>6,767,426</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		

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 City has a loan with the FDEP Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Funding has also been requested from the Water Quality Improvement Grant Program in FY 24 (not awarded) and FY25 (TBD).



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## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

General Fund and Infrastructure Funds (ad-valorem and revenue sharing) will be used to maintain the system as needed.

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 Sebring will be the recipient of any funding. The proposed project is owned by the 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	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
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding received will be used for design and construction activities.	5,080,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,080,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The proposed project includes stormwater, wastewater and roadway improvements that are anticipated to improve environmental preservation and protection, contaminant reduction, flood control, and disaster mitigation. More specifically, the stormwater improvements are anticipated to reduce total suspended solids, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus entering Lake Jackson which is within the Lake Okeechobee BMAP.



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

Funding received will be used to complete design activities and to construct the proposed project.

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

This project will directly effect local residents and all those who utilize Lakeview Drive for commuting, walking, and biking. This is a feeder road for an evacuation route and an integral part of Sebring's transportation infrastructure. The reduced nutrient loads that enter Lake Jackson will also directly impact the waters to the south of the lake as identified in the Lake Okeechobee BMAP.

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

The beneficiaries of the project will include the City of Sebring and overall Sebring-Avon Park area. Lake Jackson is the largest water body within the area, and is generally located in the South/Central portion of the urbanized area, adjacent to major state and local highways including US 27/98 and the SR 17. The benefits will also continue for downstream water conditions to Lake Okeechobee. The current estimated population in the Sebring-Avon Park Urbanized Area is approximately 63,000 people.

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

Stormwater structures installed with this project are designed to reduce total suspended solids (TSS), total nitrogen (TN), and total phosphorus (TP) entering Lake Jackson. Water quality to Lake Jackson is anticipated to be significantly improved through the removal of an estimated 1,405 lbs/year of TN, 279 lbs/year of TP, and a substantial reduction in TSS. The wastewater system will experience less inflow and infiltration, reducing sediment transport at the manhole structures.  
Proposed roadway improvements are anticipated to improve transportation conditions by reducing the potential for flooding.

**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?**

Performance measures will be based on the amount of design and/or construction completed as described in each interim invoice submitted for reimbursement. Penalties would include non-reimbursement of expenditures if complete documentation is not provided to the agency with the request.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  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):**

Hurricane Ian

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

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



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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?



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Project is in Design Phase and construction has not started

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

0%

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

06/01/2027

**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.*