



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2769

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Glades County must address the demand & need to provide regulated wastewater services to the NE area along SR 78 and the Rim Canal/Lake Okeechobee. Funds to be used for a feasibility study for site location & size, land acquisition, technology, environmental data for appropriate gallons per day treatment plant, i.e., 850,000 gpd nutrient reductions preventing approx. 12.6 tons of TN & 3 tons of TP per year from entering State protected waters in BMAP area due to septic tanks runoff in the Buckhead Ridge, and for new developments, Lakefront Estates, and surrounding areas in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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	2,750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,750,000

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)	2,750,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,750,000	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.



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	Funds used to seek engineering & administration services to conduct a feasibility study, site location & size, land acquisition, technology, environmental data, phasing, costs, administration, etc. for regional wastewater treatment plant to serve the rapidly growing northeast area of Glades County.	2,750,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to address the demand & need to provide regulated wastewater services to the rapidly growing NE area along SR 78 and the Rim Canal/Lake Okeechobee; protect life, health, property, the environment, citizenry and State water resources. Funds to be used for a feasibility study, details analysis, site location & size, land acquisition, treatment technology, costs, (i.e., 850,000 GPD treatment plant, preventing 12.6 tons of TN & 3 tons TP from entering State waters) due to old commercial/residential septic tanks runoff in Buckhead Ridge, and address new development, Lakefront Estates, and surrounding areas.

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

To utilize professional engineering and administration services to conduct a feasibility study through the County and the CCPWA to design and construct a new wastewater treatment plant facility that will address effluent treatment needs in the rapidly growing northeast area of Glades County, a rural area of opportunity. Study will provide essential data for site location & size, land acquisition, environmental data, treatment technology, current & future capacity, phasing, volume details analysis, costs.

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

Feasibility study allows for the appropriate wastewater treatment plant facility to be constructed to properly treat and accommodate septic to sewer connections and address new commercial/residential users that will reduce pollutants entering State protected waters in this BMAP areas. Protection of life, health, property, safety and the environment with regional wastewater treatment.

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

Target population is the State through the protection of waters of the State in the Lake Okeechobee Estuaries and surrounding areas. Additional benefits are increased levels of service expected by visitors and residents of Glades and Okeechobee Counties, which are designated as a Rural Area of Economic Concern per Executive Order #11-81 and as outlined in Florida Statutes 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Benefit is a completed feasibility study that provides data driven essential information to construct the appropriate size WWTP on a site that will serve the rapidly growing northeast area of Glades County (Buckhead Ridge, new Lakefront Estates development and surrounding communities) with reliable efficient wastewater treatment that provides the avenue to remove old leaking existing septic systems in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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?

Contractual agreement will include timelines, milestones to be adhered throughout the project. Implementation of corrective action plan and non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved.

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



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- 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?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

not ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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



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d. Phone Number

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