



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2827

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will provide demucking and backfilling for two municipal parks, MLK and Glades Citizen Villa Parks within the City of Pahokee. Project costs would cover demucking, which involves the removal of excess mud, silt and other soil surface materials from both parks and backfill with appropriate soil materials. This process will reinforce the grounds and create a stable base for further development and ensure safe accessibility for park users. This infrastructure model is highly recommended for building/development in Pahokee due to the makeup of the region's soil erosion.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	10%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,050,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

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

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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.

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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	Equipment: Rental and/or purchase of heavy equipment machinery. Supplies: materials needed for backfill such as soil, sand, rock, etc...	200,000
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	Fees for environmental assessments, site visits, or required permitting. Costs associated with pre-site preparation and work that is required before demucking.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose is to provide demucking and backfilling of two municipal parks, MLK and Glades Citizen Villa Parks in the City of Pahokee. The funds will cover costs with demucking, which involves the removal of excess mud, silt and other soil materials from both parks and backfilling with appropriate soil, sand, rock and other materials. This reinforces the grounds and create a stable base for further development and ensure safe accessibility for park users. This model is highly recommended for building in Pahokee due to the makeup of the region's soil erosion.



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

The activities and services that would be provided are site visits, permitting, soil removal, etc.

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

The project directly improves the landscaping and creates better connectivity between parks and existing and new developments. The existing conditions restrict pathways, bike lanes, and walkways from parks to adjacent residential and commercial developments.

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

All city of Pahokee, Palm Beach County residents and visitors to the parks. Both parks could serve up to fifteen thousand individuals depending on seasonal participation to include local residents and visiting teams.

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

The benefit of this project will be the natural enhancement of stormwater management across all improved areas. The activities will facilitate better stormwater flow. The benefit will be measured by community engagement and surveys gathering feedback on how well the landscape connects the parks to housing and commercial developments.

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?

In the event the City does not meet deliverables or performance measures, all unused funds will be returned to the State, and no further requests will be made for this project.

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
- 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:



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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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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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.