



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3116

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Flooding and water quality is impacting Miami-Dade County neighborhoods and Biscayne Bay. In recent years huge investments in technology, monitoring, and planning efforts have been made to improve the watershed protecting both estuary and neighbors. Trees provide filtration service, interrupt rainfall, store water among many other services. Unfortunately planting spaces for trees don't always accommodate the work that roots do to provide ecosystem benefits. Design changes, while a little more expensive can be a solution and the county is interested in piloting this work but requires additional funds to justify monitoring and prep-work costs. Funding is requested for 20 enhanced root zone wells within flooded and impervious areas for a tree planting that seeks to serve the public and Bay within Senate District 34.

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	18,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	18,000

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)	18,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	18,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	36,000	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		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	The requested funding will be spent in designing and excavating space (wells) for root zones and monitoring services.	18,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		18,000

13. Program Performance

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

Trees provide filtration service, interrupt rainfall, and store water among many other services. Unfortunately planting spaces for trees don't always accommodate the work that roots do to provide ecosystem benefits. Design changes can be a solution and the county is interested in piloting this work but requires additional funds to justify monitoring and prep-work costs.

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



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Funding is requested for 20 enhanced root zone wells within flooded and impervious areas and associated pre- and post-construction monitoring.

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

The root wells and monitoring will facilitate successful tree plantings, providing shade and beautification services by the trees planted on public property.

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

Approximately 51-100 citizens will be served by the project.

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

Expected benefit is more trees successfully planted and maintained. Measured by number of tree wells constructed and planted.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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- 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?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization



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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.