

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3127

1. Project Title	St. Cloud Stormwater Dam System			
2. Senate Sponsor	Kristen Arrington			
3. Date of Request	3/5/2025			

4. Project/Program Description

Purchase of a water-filled dam system that can be deployed to mitigate high water levels in East Lake Tohopekaliga.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount	
Operating	0	
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000	
Total State Funds Requested	300,000	

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)	300,000	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	300,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

No

No

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

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a. What is the cu	rrent phase of t	ne project?		
📀 Planning	🔵 Design	Construction ON	/A	
b. Is the project '	'shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?	Yes	
c. What is the est	timated start da	te of construction?	08/01/2025	
d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?			01/01/27	
e. What funding	stream will be u	sed for ongoing operation	s and maintenance of the	project?

Local Stormwater Fee Revenue

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 St. Cloud

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	Purchase of a rapid deployment dam system	300,000			
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 300,000					

13. Program Performance

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

The purchase and rapid deployment of a stormwater management dam during heavy rain events. The water-filled dam system can be rapidly deployed, enabling us to respond proactively when water levels are expected to rise during hurricanes, tropical storms, or other heavy rainfall events. This quick-acting system can eliminate flooding in prone neighborhoods, and thus, save state residents from insurance increases.

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

The water-filled dam system can be rapidly deployed, enabling us to respond proactively when water levels are expected to rise during hurricanes, tropical storms, or other heavy rain events.

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



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The water-filled dam system will provide better flood protection, helping prevent loss of life, property damage, and financial losses. This can help prevent costly insurance claims in a state grappling with rising costs of homeownership and flood insurance.

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

This equipment will serve a city of over 70,000 residents from the effects of heavy rain events.

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

The earthen berms we currently use take days to weeks to install. The water-filled dam system will provide better flood protection, helping prevent loss of life, property damage, and financial losses. This can help prevent costly insurance claims in a state grappling with the rising costs of homeownership and flood insurance. The state can measure the insurance costs for this district and/or the number of citizens that rely on Citizens for insurance coverage in areas that are prone to 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?

The return of the appropriated fund.

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 infastructure)

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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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?

- U 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
- □ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☑ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Ready to purchase

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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