



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3181

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Wastewater Collection System Equalization Tank Project is designed to mitigate the impacts of stormwater infiltration and inflow on the wastewater collection system. This project involves the installation of a strategically located equalization (EQ) tank to temporarily store peak sewage flows that occur during heavy rainfall events.

By capturing and retaining excess flow, the EQ tank will help prevent system surcharges and reduce the risk of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), thereby enhancing environmental protection and regulatory compliance. The stored wastewater will be gradually released into the system as capacity becomes available, ensuring a more controlled and efficient treatment process at the wastewater treatment facility.

Key benefits of this project include:

Enhanced System Resilience: The equalization tank will provide additional hydraulic capacity, reducing the likelihood of SSO's and improving overall system performance during extreme weather conditions.

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	4,750,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,750,000

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)	4,750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,750,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	9,500,000	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.



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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

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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction services, construction engineering, inspection services, construction management services.	4,750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested for the Wastewater Collection System Equalization Tank Project will be used to design, construct, and implement an equalization (EQ) tank that will temporarily store excess wastewater flow during heavy rainfall events. The project will help manage stormwater impacts to the wastewater collections system.

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

The equalization tank will impound peak sewage flows experienced during wet weather conditions, to help reduce sanitary sewer overflows in the system and provide additional time for the wastewater treatment facility to treat the increased sewage as a result of heavy rainfall events.

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

Improved water quality. The Wastewater Collection System Equalization Tank Project will provide several direct services to citizens through the appropriation of funds, improving public health, environmental protection, and wastewater system reliability.

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

The target population served by the Wastewater Collection System Equalization Tank Project includes: Residents and Businesses Connected to the Wastewater Collection System. This project will benefit all citizens and businesses relying on municipal wastewater services by reducing sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and improving system reliability and vulnerable Populations in Low-Lying or Flood-Prone Areas - Areas that experience frequent stormwater infiltration and inflow (I&I) issues will see improved wastewater management, reducing the risk of property damage and public health hazards. First Responders and Public Health Agencies. By preventing wastewater overflows, this project minimizes the risk of contamination and reduces the burden on emergency response teams handling flood-related public health concerns. Local Environmental and Recreational Areas - Protects natural water bodies, such as rivers, lakes, and wetlands, from wastewater contaminants - Residents and citizens to the City.

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

The Wastewater Collection System Equalization Tank Project is expected to yield the following key benefits and outcomes: Reduction in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) - By temporarily storing peak flows during heavy rainfall, the project will reduce the frequency and volume of SSOs, preventing wastewater from overflowing into streets, homes, and water bodies. Improved System Capacity and Resilience - The EQ tank will enhance the hydraulic capacity of the wastewater collection system, allowing it to handle higher flows without overwhelming existing infrastructure. - Enhanced Wastewater Treatment Efficiency; By regulating peak flows, the project will prevent sudden hydraulic surges at the wastewater treatment facility, leading to more consistent and efficient treatment processes and better compliance with effluent quality standards. - Environmental Protection and Public Health Improvement- Reducing SSOs will decrease contamination risks to local water bodies and improve water quality

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?

Reversion of funds.

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?



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- 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
- 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)



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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?

Planning

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 10/01/2027

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



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.