



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3222

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Leslie Estates neighborhood experiences flooding during modest to heavy rainfall events. The project will involve the installation of drainage structures and pipes to provide flood relief and improved water quality for residents of the community. This project is part of the City's overall resiliency efforts to create healthy and livable communities. This project will increase the drainage capacity for storm-water runoff within the neighborhood, thereby reducing roadway flooding, increase safety and mitigate the likelihood of property damage and personal injury. The project has been designed and currently in the permitting phase. The project is anticipated to be shovel ready when fund appropriation is approved.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

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)	1,600,000	44%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	56%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	500,000	1732A	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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

Stormwater Funds

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 Miami Gardens

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	INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND EXFILTRATION TRENCHES AND ROADWAY RESTORATION	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

13. Program Performance

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

The project goal is to provide flood relief and improved water quality to all residents of the community. This project is part of the City's overall resiliency efforts to create healthy and livable communities. This project will increase the drainage capacity for storm-water runoff within the neighborhood, thereby reducing roadway flooding, increase safety and mitigate the likelihood of property damage and personal injury.

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



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

Flood prevention, protection of homes and right of ways, safe accessible entry after moderate and heavy rainfall, increasing mobility and safety, securing properties and livelihoods, increase livability of neighborhoods

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

All residents within the community. The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group

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

Incidence of flooding of roadways and properties will be mitigated. Installation of ex-filtration trenches as part of the improvements for treatment of stormwater runoff resulting in improved water quality discharged into canals and other water bodies. The outcome will be measured by sampling and measuring levels of concentration of pollutants in canals and other water bodies

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 addition to the city's standard liquidated damages, the city may consider compensatory damages for failure to meet deliverables

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



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- 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?

Project is in the design phase

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name

CAMERON

Last Name

BENSON



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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.