



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3280

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

LA-MSID is requesting \$1.6-million for ROBUST, Phase III. The Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (LA-MSID) purchased a 15-acre parcel with a 2023 Legislative Appropriation. LA-MSID applied for a \$2.885-million appropriation in 2024 (we received \$1.5-million) for ROBUST Phase II, design and construction that would excavate & submerge the 15-acre parcel, to provide water quality during the wet months. Also as part of Phase II, canals will be excavated to connect the WQ area to Bedman Creek and provide an overflow structure to allow for high flows to be diverted to LA-MSID's Carlos Waterway. Phase III will design and construct weirs or structures in the flood plain of Bedman Creek to regulate flows on the creek.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,300,000
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	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	1,600,000	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	1,500,000		No

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?

10/31/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/2027

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

LA-MSID non-ad valorem assessments.

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.

Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District will own, operate and maintain the facility.

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	For design services, post-design services and construction-phase services.	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design and construction of ROBUST, Phase II will be complete by October 31, 2027. Monies will be used to build up to two water control structures. Contract for Phase III will be negotiated with FDEP by November 30, 2025. Construction will be complete by October 31, 2027.	1,300,000
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?



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The Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (LA-MSID) purchased a 15-acre parcel, adjacent to the floodplain in Bedman Creek as part of an appropriation for ROBUST Phase I. During ROBUST Phase II, design and construction will excavate & submerge this parcel to provide water quality during the wet months. As part of Phase III, water control structures will also be built to regulate storage and flow to the flood plain. These projects will provide water quality treatment and flood protection.

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

This area of Bedman Creek falls into Lee County's jurisdiction and is a point where our two systems interact. Improvements to this area will greatly help not only the residents located here but will have positive impacts on the impaired water-body - the Caloosahatchee River. ROBUST will regulate high-flows downstream on Bedman Creek, which has been prone to flooding in most years.

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

The improvements along with improvement functionality of the system will include flood protection, beautification and will allow for more passive use and educational opportunities.

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

Elderly persons
 At-risk youth
 Preschool students
 Grade school students
 High school students
 University/College students

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

Water quality samples will be pulled upstream and downstream of the excavated area to provide data to determine that the removal of 136 lbs/nitrogen and 36 lbs/phosphorus can be met. Regulated flows will be recorded and regulated remotely through an appurtenance to LA-MSID's existing telemetry system.

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?

By not meeting the deliverables on this project, LA-MSID would be deemed ineligible to apply or receive appropriations for two years.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Mitigate flooding during heavy rainfall events, hurricanes, tropical storms

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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)

Rural Area of Economic Concern

Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A



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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?

October 31, 2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District

b. Municipality and County Lee

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

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