



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3295

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City is requesting State appropriations in the amount of \$5,000,000 to provide financial assistance to approximately 415 households currently on septic where the City's centralized sewer is available. Connection to City sewer averages \$12,000 per connection. If State appropriations are received, the City will waive approximately \$5,670 in utilities-related connection fees, as authorized by City Council on October 5, 2023, to ensure that State funding is maximized to assist as many households as possible.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	68%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,353,050	32%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	7,353,050	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		
2023-24	0	2,100,000		No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

City Council will have to authorize staff to seek eligible grant funding to assist residents, as well as continue to provide payment options for residents.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2026

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.

The owners of the centralized sewerage system is City of Palm Bay. Where the City currently has sewer lines running through residential neighborhoods, the individual property owners shall be required to connect and maintain their portion of said connection. Approximately 415 households will benefit.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Abandonment of septic tank and connection to City centralized sewerage system	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Improved water quality and the health of Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon, reducing total nitrogen and phosphorous flowing into local water bodies, by the abandonment of approximately 415 septic tank systems in Palm Bay and the connection of approximately 415 Palm Bay households to a centralized sewerage system.



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

The City's Utilities Department will notify approximately 415 households, where sewer is available but not connected, to mandate connection within 365 days and provide financial assistance with said connection by end of FY 2025-2026. The City will waive utility-related connection fees totaling approximately \$5,670 per household. The cost to abandon septic and connect to centralized sewer averages \$12,000 per household.

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

Financial assistance to residents to abandon septic tanks and connect to centralized sewer.

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

Approximately 415 Palm Bay households, which have centralized sewer available but not connected.

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

The expected benefits include improved water quality and the health of the Indian River Lagoon, and will be measured by the reduction in total nitrogen and total phosphorous flowing into Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon as well as an increase in the number of septic tanks abandoned and new households connected to a centralized sewerage 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?

It is reasonable to expect the contracting agency forfeit funds for failure to perform or reimburse the State for funds that are not expended in accordance with this request. The City of Palm Bay's Procurement Department provides language related to 'Notice of Deficiencies' identifying who/what is at fault, a deficiency or error, and provides the contractor time to cure it. The City uses default language related to non-performance by the contractor, or if the contractor does not supply skilled personnel, fails to pay their sub-contractors, etc. All contracts also include termination language for convenience and for cause.

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#:



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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) Our Indian River Lagoon
- 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?



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0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

d. Phone Number

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