



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3332

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hunter Springs is a park heavily utilized by residents of Citrus and surrounding counties as well as visitors / tourists. The group "Save Crystal River" is currently utilizing a state grant to pump out spring vents, removing sediment. At the end of manatee season (4/1/25) the Hunter Springs basin and its corresponding spring vents will be pumped out. The critical concern is finding funding to prevent beach sand from entering the springs and plugging the spring vents ensuring the springs' survival via a DEP approved plan. The city appears to have three options – (1) remove the sand beach, replace the seawall previously removed during the Hunter Springs Park improvement project in 2015, and restore the grass patron area (2) replace the seawall, make the beach flat back to the parking area, and engineer it appropriately to stop washout of sand in the future or (3) return the shore to its original state – a living shoreline.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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.

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?

0/00/0000

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

0/00/0000

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

Not applicable

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 Crystal River

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	The City will need to do one of the following: remove the sand beach, replace the seawall previously removed during the Hunter Springs Park improvement project in 2015, and restore the grass patron area or replace the seawall, make the beach flat back to the parking area, and engineer it appropriately to stop washout of sand in the future or return the shore to its original state – a living shoreline.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The critical concern is finding funding to prevent beach sand from entering the springs and plugging the spring vents ensuring the springs' survival.



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

Procurement will need to occur to obtain engineering services to prevent the plugging of springs. Then a plan will be put into place for repairs and repairs will be completed.

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

Solving the issue will allow a continued use, and environmental benefits.

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

The beach is used by City of Crystal River residents, Citrus County Residents and visitors.

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

To protect the spring and ensuring that sand does not continue to fall into the springs vents. Monitoring efforts will continue to ensure success.

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?

More frequent required reporting.

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?

- 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
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- Resilient Florida Grant Program
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- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
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- 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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- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Not ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 05/30/2026

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.