



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3353

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Design and permitting of Phase 2 of the Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Project. The Card Sound Road canal is an uncontrolled canal allowing unregulated drainage of wetlands owned by Miami-Dade County and allowing salt water to intrude and contaminate portions of the Biscayne aquifer and publicly owned wetlands acquired by Miami-Dade County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program that are needed for regional restoration including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The Florida Legislature previously funded the first phase of this project which has been successfully completed. This project will create and restore additional Everglades wetlands that were destroyed by the construction of the canal.

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	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

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)	100,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** 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)?

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	The requested funding will be spent on design and permitting to create a shovel ready project.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

13. Program Performance

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

Design and permitting of Phase 2 of the Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Project. The Card Sound Road canal is an uncontrolled canal allowing unregulated drainage of wetlands owned by Miami-Dade County and allowing salt water to intrude and contaminate portions of the Biscayne aquifer and publicly owned wetlands acquired by the County's EEL Program. This project will create and restore additional Everglades wetlands that were destroyed by the construction of the canal.

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



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The project will develop the design and permits that allow for the creation and restoration of wetlands that have been drained by the creation of the canal.

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

By restoring the wetlands it will improve water management, reduce salt water intrusion and restore publicly owned wetlands in Miami-Dade County in the area of the southeastern Everglades.

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

Southern part of Miami-Dade County.

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

Completion of design and permitting for the Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Phase 2. Contract bid documents must demonstrate that the design is developed and the permits are obtained, and that the contractor has sufficient manpower and equipment to complete the work in a timely manner.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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.