



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3388

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The project will protect approximately 84 city blocks in the North Beach community, including the essential utilities and drainage systems that serve over 1,400 residents. The project will include the construction of a bulkhead and upgrading the public utilities and all related essential infrastructure. This project will provide long term protection from storm surge, reduce repetitive loss, and decrease associated state recovery costs. The County has provided a local match of more than \$10 million to harden existing utilities and address the substandard infrastructure.

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	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

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)	8,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	16,000,000	47%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,200,000	30%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	34,200,000	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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? 07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07/01/2028

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

This project will be supported and maintained by utilizing local county revenue.

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 St Johns County Board of County Commissioners (SJCBOCC). The facility will be constructed in St. Johns County with primary oversight provided by the SJCBOCC.

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	Design, permitting, construction and CEI for bulkhead, drainage systems and other ancillary infrastructure.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The project will protect approx. 84 city blocks in the North Beach community, including essential utilities, drainage systems that serve over 1,400 residents by constructing a bulkhead, upgrading public utilities and other essential infrastructure. This project will provide long term protection from storm surge, reduce repetitive loss, and associated recovery costs. The County has provided a local match of more than \$10 million to harden existing utilities and address substandard infrastructure.

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



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Pre-construction engineering and design (PED) and then construction of the St. Johns County Intracoastal Flood Mitigation Project. This project will provide long term protection from storm surge, reduce repetitive loss, and associated extreme recovery costs.

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

The proposed project includes the purchase and fortification of aging utilities, as well as the design, engineering, and construction of a bulkhead and related infrastructure hardening. The complex nature of this project requires the integration of multiple infrastructure components to work in unison in order to effectively mitigate the recurring destructive storm surge flooding.

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

The immediate population of residents in this area is approximately 1,400. However, this is a vibrant tourist area due to the coastal location and availability to recreational outdoor assets. A flooding event in this area drastically affects numerous commercial businesses to include lodging, restaurants and retail establishments.

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

Provides long-term flood control to a critical economic region of St. Johns County, protects more than 1400 residents and the commercial properties currently located in the the North Beach Community. Mitigation of flood events will prevent non-point source contaminants from entering into the watershed and surrounding water bodies. This project protects U.S. A1A, secondary thoroughfares, and numerous residential streets from repetitive flooding and preserves critical evacuation routes.

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?

If there is a performance deficiency requiring correction by the County, Agency will notify County. County will provide Agency with a corrective action plan describing how County will address performance deficiencies.

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:



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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) The project was evaluated in the Resilient FL program. It was not competitive w/existing criteria.
- 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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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.