



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3414

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

4. Project/Program Description

A sandbag machine can produce 1,200 bags/hour with a staff of 2, greatly increasing the community preparedness for local flood events. For comparison, having residents assist manually filled only 9,700 sandbags took over three 10hr days at a rate of 323 bags/hour with a staff of 5 assisting for Hurricane Milton. This efficiency frees staff and citizens to accomplish other tasks during an emergency. Most recently, Hurricane Milton was known to damage 350 homes with flood waters. The flooding damage from Hurricane Milton is estimated to be \$11,865,930.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	32,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	32,500

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)	32,500	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	32,500	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	65,000	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)?

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	Sand Bag Machine with Startup	32,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		32,500

13. Program Performance

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

A sandbag machine can produce 1,200 bags/hour with a staff of 2, greatly increasing the community preparedness for local flood events. The increased efficiency and also allowing the public and staff more time to perform other vital storm preparations. For comparison, having residents assist manually filled only 9,700 sandbags took over three 10hr days at a rate of 323 bags/hour with a staff of 5 assisting for Hurricane Milton.

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

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



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The City of Holly Hill Public Works staff will man an automated Sand-bag machine capable of producing 1,200 sand bags/hr to help provide community structures flood protection.

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

Vulnerable residents in flood prone areas. A recent study indicates most of the City's 13,000 population is vulnerable to future flooding events.

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

Reduced flood claims during comparable storm/hurricane events.

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 the City fails to meet deliverables of purchase of equipment for community flood mitigation, a penalty of requiring reimbursement of the appropriated funds should be imposed.

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
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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.

19. 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.