



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1802

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Town of Cutler Bay seeks \$3,000,000 to implement its Lakes by the Bay Drainage Project to improve water quality and mitigate flooding in a hazard area. The project area includes five lakes and experiences flooding during heavy rain events. An engineer's assessment conducted during the development of the Town's adopted Stormwater Master Plan found that existing drainage infrastructure does not treat or discharge adequate runoff to meet the desired performance criteria. The Town proposes to install approximately 15,135 linear feet of new drainage systems, including exfiltration trenches, to improve water quality in the project area. Drainage improvements will mitigate flooding leading to collector roadways, public transportation, and emergency evacuation routes on SW 216 Street and Old Cutler Road. Additionally, the project incorporates enhancements to improve accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act and increase the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

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

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	75%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	25%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$146,000-FDLE CESF for law enforcement and equipment, \$850,000 - Miami Dade CARES for law enforcement, emergency supplies, and resident financial support, \$21.89 million - ARPA for water quality improvement projects and general services.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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 facility is owned by the Town of Cutler Bay.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) of the Lakes by the Bay Drainage System	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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The proposed project aims to mitigate flooding by installing a new and larger capacity drainage system, protect the groundwater table by adding water quality enhancement to the drainage system, and improve emergency response by reducing flooding along the Town's evacuation routes and public transit corridors.

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

The drainage improvements include installing 15,135 linear feet of new drainage including exfiltration trenches, solid pipes, and drainage structures. Additionally, roadway restoration activities include milling and resurfacing, sidewalk and accessible ramp replacement (ADA improvements), striping, and signage. Portions of the project area will receive continuous valley gutters and driveway approaches on both sides of the street to manage stormwater runoff (approximately 2,000 linear feet).

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

The proposed project is included in the Town's adopted Stormwater Master Plan. Additionally, the project is supported in part by the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocation. The Town hosted a series of seven public workshops to discuss the Town's vision and ARPA spending plan. This project was one of the priority areas as the community experiences regular flooding. In June 2022, Cutler Bay experienced a 100-year rain event resulting in nearly 24" of rain. The residents in the Lakes by the Bay Community were among those hit the hardest, creating a renewed sense of urgency.

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

The project is a part of the Town of Cutler Bay's comprehensive approach to Stormwater Management and water quality improvement. The Town of Cutler Bay's population is 43,958 (Census 2022) The census tract in which the project falls has an estimated population of 10,561.

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

The project protects residents from environmental harm by increasing the drainage system's capacity to manage stormwater runoff. Planned improvements provide water quality treatment leading to a 92.7% reduction in Total Phosphorus, 89.5% reduction in Total Nitrogen, and 90.6% reduction in Total Suspended Solids. Finally, the project enhances the Town's emergency response efforts by protecting critical public infrastructure.

**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 the contract?**

The Town will not be reimbursed for project activities that do not meet the deliverables or performance measures.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**

**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

**18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

**19. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**20. What is the status of construction?**

**21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**



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0%

**22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

09/30/2026