



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3216

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of St. Marks is seeking an appropriation to fund the acquisition of five diesel engine bypass pumps to address the damages caused by Hurricane Helene and to mitigate future flooding and infrastructure damage. These pumps will serve as a critical part of the city's flood control system, ensuring that excess water can be efficiently removed during future storm events. The investment will enhance the city's resilience against similar natural disasters, safeguarding the community and minimizing potential disruptions to vital services. These pumps will improve the city's ability to manage water flow, protect infrastructure, and reduce long-term recovery costs.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	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	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/15/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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

City staff and regular maintenance from authorized dealer.

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 St. Marks

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 acquisition of five diesel engine bypass pumps to address the damages caused by Hurricane Helene and to mitigate future flooding and infrastructure damage.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The primary goal of this award is to improve the resilience of St. Marks' wastewater infrastructure to extreme weather events, ensuring the city is better prepared to handle flooding, power outages, and other disasters. The deployment of the diesel-powered bypass pumps will safeguard public health, protect the environment, and ensure continued operation of critical systems during emergencies, contributing to the long-term sustainability and safety of the community.

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



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Ensuring the continued operation and reliability of critical wastewater systems during emergencies, particularly during extreme weather events such as hurricanes and flooding.

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

Direct services provided to the citizens are preventing infrastructure failures, protecting public health, and maintaining environmental quality, the funds will have a direct, positive impact on the daily lives of the community.

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

The target population are the residents, anyone vacationing or visiting. 400-800 are expected to be served depending on time of year.

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

The installation of diesel-powered bypass pumps at wastewater lift stations will significantly reduce the risks of environmental contamination, public health hazards associated with wastewater system failures during severe weather events. The method is a combination of health and environmental data and public feedback and surveys.

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?

Penalties could complement the standard penalties and ensure that the contractor is fully incentivized to meet the project's goals, deadlines, and quality standards.

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):

Helene

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)?



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- ☐ 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)
- ☒ 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?

When funds are received the pumps can be purchased and then installed

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2025

22. Requester Contact Information



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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.