



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3460

1. Project Title Sewall's Point Eliminate Flooding & Pollutants to Indian River Lagoon & St. Lucie River

2. Senate Sponsor Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Request 3/18/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The Town's South Sewall's Point seeks state funds to raise the Town's main corridor 3 feet to eliminate storm flooding for 70% of the Town's neighborhoods. Funding will permit the Town to construct a weir, retention ponds, and baffle boxes for removal of harmful pollutants before discharging into the Indian River Lagoon and the adjacent St. Lucie River Estuary during tidal cycles.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	45,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,455,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	4,900,000	57%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	12%
Local	1,200,000	14%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	8,600,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The Town is seeking Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding (Hurricane Helene - 9/26/24 and Hurricane Milton - 10/10/2024) to help the Town recover and FEMA Public Assistance Program supplemental grants for removal of road debris, wreckage, repair of damaged facilities to mitigate future disasters.



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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?

6/20/2028

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

The Town of Sewall's Point ad valorem tax 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 Town of Sewall's Point residents and the Town's elected commissioners own the roads and some of the Town facilities (example: Town Hall) located within the Town boundaries.

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	Currently, the Town has one employee, the Town Finance Director, who administers the Town's budget with guidance from Town Commissioners and the Town Manager. On a monthly basis, this employee will tract her dedicated hours towards the project for financial reimbursement from this award.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The Town will hire a grant management consultant to manage the grant contract's construction costs and progress towards completing the project.	25,000
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	This project will raise the Town's South Sewall's Point Road roadway to a 3-foot elevation and construct stormwater swales and treatment areas for the removal of harmful pollutants prior to being discharged to the Indian River Lagoon and the adjacent St. Lucie River Estuary during tidal cycles.	1,455,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance



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

This project will raise the Town's South Sewall's Point Road roadway to a 3-foot elevation and construct stormwater swales and treatment areas for the removal of harmful pollutants prior to being discharged to the Indian River Lagoon and the adjacent St. Lucie River Estuary during tidal cycles.

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

South Sewall's Point Road is the Town's only collector road and evacuation route. This project is a critical transportation asset as it will elevate the Town's major roadway, reducing flooding, allowing residents to access their homes during flooding events, depart during an emergency. Lastly, the project includes construction of stormwater swales and treatment areas that will remove harmful pollutants before release into the Indian River Lagoon.

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

On 12/20/24 the Town submitted its Flooding & Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Report Water tests analyses and updated its BMAP water quality restoration plans. By raising the roadway and upgrading the aged infrastructure, this project will restore the health of the surrounding environment, while also improving fish and wildlife that live in the area's adjacent surficial waters.

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

The stormwater treatment and flood protection benefits residents by reducing flood risks, improving water quality in local waterways, creating more green spaces, enhancing property values, providing recreational areas and generally improving the quality of life in this community by mitigating pollution from runoff water, ultimately protecting public health and the environment. This project significantly benefits the Town's entire population of 1,991 residents.

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

Sewall's Point seeks state funds to raise the Town's main corridor 3 feet to eliminate storm flooding to 70% of the Town's neighborhoods. Funding will permit the Town to construct a weir, retention ponds and nutrient removal baffle box outfalls, before runoff enters the Indian River Lagoon.

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?

DEP shall hold back 10% of the total payment of each deliverable. Failure to meet the acceptance criteria as identified in the Statement of Work will result in automatic deliverable rejection and may not be invoiced or paid until correction of the deliverable. The total withheld amounts shall be paid upon completion of contract based on satisfactory performance and DEP's acceptance of all contract deliverables.

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):

Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☒ 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

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

Florida DEP Water Quality Improvement Grant (FY 2024-25), pending award announcement.

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)

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☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern

☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)



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☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

25%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/20/2028

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



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