The Florida Senate
Local Funding Initiative Request
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1099

1. Project Title Coral Gables Downtown Drainage Flood Mitigation

2. Senate Sponsor Ileana Garcia

3. Date of Request 11/4/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This project will address critical infrastructure needs by replacing aging stormwater conveyance systems with modernized drainage improvements to alleviate flooding and protect property in the downtown core. This project will reduce stormwater discharge to the Coral Gables Waterway. These upgrades will significantly reduce localized flooding in the downtown area, enhancing public safety, preserving economic activity, and improving resiliency for some of Coral Gables' most heavily used corridors.

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

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
Total State Funds Requested	**450,000**

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	450,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	450,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	**900,000**	**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. 450,000

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

City uses stormwater operating funds for this activity. State funding will augment funding amount available for projects.

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? 11/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2027

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

City uses stormwater operating funds for this activity.

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 Coral Gables (Owner)

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	This project will address critical infrastructure needs by replacing aging stormwater conveyance systems with upgraded drainage systems to alleviate flooding and protect property in the downtown core. This will reduce stormwater discharge to the Coral Gables Waterway, and reduce localized flooding in the downtown area.	450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		**450,000**

13. Program Performance

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

This project will address critical infrastructure needs by replacing aging stormwater conveyance systems with upgraded drainage systems to alleviate flooding and protect property in the downtown core. This project will reduce stormwater discharge to the Coral Gables Waterway. These upgrades will significantly reduce localized flooding in the downtown area, enhancing public safety, preserving economic activity, and improving resiliency for one of Coral Gables' most heavily used corridors.

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

The City will be managing the procurement process for this project by retaining the services of a construction contractor to implement designed project improvements.

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

N/A

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

Downtown area residents, commuters, businesses and patrons affected by flooding including approximately 550 properties will benefit directly and indirectly.

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

Minimize flooding and flood related damage to Downtown Coral Gables. Provide safe public access to affected areas. This will be measured by the reduction in the number of flooding incidents reported through direct communication and various reporting platforms.

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?

City requires a performance bond and establishes liquidated damages in construction contractor agreements to address nonperformance of work and delays in project delivery.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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 infastructure)

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

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)
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- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☑ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Shovel Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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a. Organization City of Coral Gables

b. Municipality and County Miami-Dade

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☑ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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