



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1110

1. Project Title Belle Glade - Basin D Stormwater Drainage Improvements Phase 1

2. Senate Sponsor Lori Berman

3. Date of Request 10/28/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Phase 1 will retrofit and modernize stormwater infrastructure within Basin D, a 145-acre neighborhood identified as a critical priority in the City's Stormwater Master Plan. Improvements will reduce chronic flooding, protect homes, businesses, and community facilities, and improve water quality in discharges to Lake Okeechobee, A BMAP area. The project includes regrading swales and canals, replacing culverts and outfalls, and upgrading drainage conveyance systems. The work will improve ADA accessibility, safeguard public safety, and ensure uninterrupted public services in this historically financially disadvantaged municipality that is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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	2,605,736
Total State Funds Requested	2,605,736

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)	2,605,736	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 2026-2027	2,605,736	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.



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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?

07/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2028

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

General 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.

City of Belle Glade is both the owner 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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services for bidding, construction oversight, engineering during construction, project management, and construction	2,605,736
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,605,736

13. Program Performance

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

Goal is to improve quality of life, health, and safety; protection of property and the environment with completion of Basin D Phase 1 critical stormwater conveyance infrastructure that includes collection and transmission systems, canals, swales, culverts, outfalls, and related stormwater conveyance infrastructure that improves the environment and protects State water resources, Lake Okeechobee.

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



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To seek contractual services through the City's procurement policies and regulations for project management, bidding, engineering during construction, on-site construction oversight, and construction of Basin D-Phase 1 stormwater systems. The City invested \$409,300 for the design of this critical project.

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

Direct services to citizenry includes improved quality of life, health, safety with improved flood protection, safer transportation, reduced property damage and improved water quality through the modernization of the Basin D stormwater conveyance system. Improved stormwater management prevents pollutants entering ground, and surface waters.

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

Target population includes the State as the project improves water quality protecting State water resources, Lake Okeechobee, the western Glades communities, businesses and visitors, and the general population of Belle Glade, which is a historically disadvantaged municipality that is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Benefit is improved stormwater conveyance providing greater measure of water quality treatment & flood attenuation; protection of homes and businesses, instructional and recreational properties in a historically disadvantaged community that is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity. These improvements will safeguard life, health and safety, preserve property values, provide safer transportation and enhance daily life. Success will be measured through inspections, water quality monitoring, and tracking of flood 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?

Contractual milestones will be enforced; non-performance may result in corrective action plans, withholding of payments, and non-payment of invoices until milestones are completed

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:



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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)
- ☒ 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?

Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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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