



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1153

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Cutler Bay ("Town") is requesting \$1,000,000 for Capital Improvements to improve the stormwater management system and treat runoff pollutants in Biscayne Bay and the Lakes by the Bay (LBTB) Community. The funding request is to implement the Town's Lakes by the Bay shovel-ready project which aims to install 8,905 linear feet of new drainage systems, including exfiltration trenches, to improve water quality in the project area. Drainage improvements mitigate flooding leading to collector roadways, public transportation, and evacuation routes on SW 216 Street and Old Cutler Road.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	19%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,250,000	81%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	5,250,000	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?

03/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

The Town's Stormwater Utility Project Funds

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 facility is owned and maintained by the Town of Cutler Bay.

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	Construction	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The project aims to improve water quality and mitigate flooding in a hazard area. The existing drainage infrastructure in the Sub-Basins do not treat or discharge adequate runoff to meet the desired performance criteria adopted in the Town's Stormwater Master Plan.

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



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Based on the Capital Improvement recommendations listed in the Town's Adopted Stormwater Master Plan, existing catch basins will be modified or reconstructed as required to provide sediment traps (sumps) and pollution retardant baffles to protect the French drains and weir structures shall be installed prior to each outfall to restrict the discharge of pollutants to the community lake.

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

The proposed project reduces the flood risk for the residents of Cutler Bay and protects the Town's evacuation routes. Since incorporation, the Town has adopted higher regulatory standards and, currently, adheres to the base flood elevation standard, plus 1ft. above. Due to the efforts of the Public Works Department, the Town is currently rated by FEMA as a Community Rating System 3 which provides flood insurance policy holders in the Town with a 35% discount on their premiums.

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

The Town of Cutler Bay's population is 43,958 (Census 2022), this project supports the entire community as well as Biscayne Bay.

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

The benefit/outcome of this Project is the decreased amounts of pollutants into Biscayne Bay & surrounding communities such as LBTB, coming from the Town's outfalls which empty directly into the Bay. The methodology for measurement includes the implementation of water quality treatment data collection, which measures and quantifies the proposed reduction load of pollutants to the bay. Proposed reductions are: 92.7% reduction in Total Phosphorus, 89.5% reduction in Total Nitrogen, and 90.6% reduction in Total Suspended Solids.

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?

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

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?

Shovel-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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