



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1161

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project proposes dredging the Coral Gables Waterway in the section located approximately 100 feet north of the Ponce De Leon Boulevard bridge and 100 feet south of the US-1 bridge. By restoring channel depth and improving water flow, the dredging will restore the waterway's carrying capacity at a choke point, ensure continued boating access and improve the resiliency of the City's stormwater management system.

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	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?

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.

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



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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?

11/1/2025

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	Dredging of waterway (removal of sediments and vegetation) by mechanical means to improve receiving flow-rate into water body during rain storm events.	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?

Dredging of waterway to improve surrounding drainage infrastructure. The improvements will also provide relief for a high-traffic corridor and adjacent neighborhoods vulnerable to flooding, ensuring safer conditions for residents, businesses, and commuters.

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

The requested funds will be used to procure a contractor for the removal of sediment and vegetation from the most critical portions of the Coral Gables Waterway within the City of Coral Gables.



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

The project will reduce the likelihood of flooding within the County and City due to the additional capacity in the waterway. Furthermore, the quality of the water in the waterway and Biscayne Bay will be enhanced by the reduction of nutrients that help support algae blooms. Lastly, the project will allow for the safe passage of recreational, Police and Fire vessels. This improvement will enhance emergency response times by Police and Fire responding to incidents with other vessels in the waterway and at adjacent properties.

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

The enhanced stormwater conveyance and reduction in nutrient loading that the project will provide will benefit Miami-Dade County residents and visitors in general. The additional waterway depth that the project will provide will benefit the users of the waterway and adjacent property owners.

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

The anticipated benefits are a reduction in the frequency and severity of flooding within the County and City, less frequent algae blooms in the waterway and Biscayne Bay, and less frequent bottoming-out of vessels in the waterway. The frequency of flooding, algae blooms, and vessels bottoming-out can be noted and compared to historical averages.

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?

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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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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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