



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1165

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Due to storms and historic rainfall in 2024, the County Stormwater Department is addressing Phillippi Creek maintenance by removing sediment and debris. Sediment removal will restore flood drainage capacity and reduce flooding risks in the basin. The project includes a two-phase dredging, 50' wide by 4' deep (below Mean Low Water): Phase 1 will dredge 1.53 miles of creek (Tuttle Ave. to Beneva Rd.) and Phase 2 will dredge 0.46 miles (Bee Ridge Rd to Tuttle Ave.)

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	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

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)	8,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	16,000,000	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?

01/15/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/15/2027

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

Sarasota County Stormwater Environmental Utility and Navigable Waterways Maintenance Management Program Revenues.

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.

Sarasota County and West Coast Inland Navigational District.

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 costs which include: dredge, stockpile and disposal of sedimentation; pollution prevention controls and reporting; environmental planning; and construction management and oversight to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

To remove sedimentation and debris build up, from 2024 storm season, mitigating potential flooding of residential and commercial structures and evacuation routes. Flood prediction modeling suggests sedimentation, caused by previous storm events, could cause an impact to flood service levels for the 1% design (100Y, 24H) storm.



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

Dredge (phase 1 and 2), along the center line of Phillippi Creek from Bee Ridge Rd to Beneva Road. To match historic excavation profile grades as defined in the original dredge conducted for the Sarasota-Fruitville Drainage District construction.

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

Significant reduction in potential of residential and commercial structure flooding and evacuation route flooding.

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

Over 1,100 residential properties in the Phillippi Creek Basin impacting several thousand Sarasota County residents. The greater general Sarasota general population will benefit from the reduction in potential flooding and flood related disruption to businesses and commercial properties in the Phillippi Creek area.

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

Reduced potential residential and commercial flooding using existing, engineered stormwater model to more accurately predict the area floodplain. Specifically, updating the existing Phillippi Creek Watershed Model with post construction survey to predict design storm floodplain (1% storm design). A comparison of the post construction dredge survey to the as-built, historic excavation profile of Phillippi Creek, defined by the Sarasota-Fruitville Drainage District construction, will also be considered as part of the modeling.

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?

Construction oversight, including additional bathymetry survey to ensure performance measures; Reduced future contract opportunities; Mandatory corrective action plans.

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)
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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?

Construction Contract for Board Of County Commissioner approved 10/21

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A



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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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