



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1198

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands seeks funding to improve its stormwater system. The Town is on a major evacuation state road and surrounded by Biscayne Bay, deemed by the state as an impaired body of water. Significant and disruptive flooding continues to impact the Bay, contributing to groundwater pollution and repetitive losses to residents and businesses. Funds will specifically be used to enhance pump stations, increase outfall pipe sizes, tidal check valves and address other stormwater risks that ultimately improve environmental resilience and the Town's capacity to mitigate flooding.

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	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	45%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,100,000	55%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,000,000	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.

The Town intends to allocate a portion of its General Fund balance within the annual budget to support project implementation costs. Concurrently, the Town is actively pursuing external funding sources, such as the Resilient Florida Grant, to supplement these efforts.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/31/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2029

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

Funded through the Town's Stormwater Utility Fund and annual General Fund appropriation for stormwater operations and maintenance.

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.

Owner: Town of Bay Harbor Islands, a Florida municipal corporation.

Relationship: Owner and operator of the municipal stormwater utility infrastructure (pump stations, outfalls, drainage structures) to be improved by this project

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	Project funds will be used for major upgrades to the Town's current stormwater infrastructure system. Improvements include installing injection well pumps, increasing outfall pipe sizes, check-valve installation, drainage improvements and other enhancements to the system's capacity.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

The improvements to the stormwater system include upgrading existing pump stations, and adding new injection wells, increasing outfall pipe sizes to enhance system capacity, and installing tidal check valves to prevent saltwater intrusion during high tides and storm events. Additional drainage improvements will be implemented to improve flow efficiency and reduce flooding risks throughout the Town which has state-wide impact by preserving Biscayne Bay waters from pollution and contaminants that overflow into the Bay during significant rain and weather events.

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

The project will provide residents and businesses with improved flood protection and drainage services during heavy rain and high-tide events. It will reduce roadway and property flooding, improve public safety and accessibility, and enhance water quality within Biscayne Bay. These improvements directly benefit citizens by protecting homes and infrastructure, minimizing disruptions to daily life, and promoting a healthier coastal environment by reducing groundwater contamination, benefiting the entire ecosystem.

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

The project will serve residents from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and multiple Miami Dade County municipalities that share access to the surrounding bay waters. According to the US Census Bureau estimates, the Town's population and neighboring municipalities total approximately 35,000 residents.

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

The state deemed Biscayne Bay as impaired due to the level of pollutants in the water. The project will significantly reduce flooding frequency and duration within the Town, improve stormwater drainage capacity, and protect public and private property from flood-related damages. Enhancements to the stormwater system will also improve water quality entering Biscayne Bay by reducing pollutant and sediment discharge during rain events. Project success will be measured by comparing pre- and post-construction data, including reductions in flood-related service calls/complaints, observed standing-water occurrences, and water quality sampling results at discharge locations. Performance will also be monitored through post-storm inspections and pump station operational data to confirm improved system efficiency and resiliency.

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?

Return of funds.

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



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- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern



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☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

The project design phase was funded and nearly complete.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2029

22. Requester Contact Information

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Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Town of Bay Harbor Islands

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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d. Phone Number

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