



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1271

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Winter Park Chain of Lakes receives inflow from the Loch Haven Chain of Lakes via Howell Creek and Alice's Pond within Mead Gardens. This project proposes the application of EutroSORB to continuously sequester nutrients as water flows into Alice's Pond, transforming the site into a nutrient reduction facility. The pond currently contains legacy sediment loads that release excessive nutrients into the water column, necessitating removal to restore ecological balance. By reducing nutrient concentrations, this project will improve water quality throughout the interconnected lake systems of Winter Park and Maitland, benefiting both Orange and Seminole Counties. As the headwaters to Lake Jesup and the St. Johns River, these improvements will also support the protection and restoration of Outstanding Florida Waters.

City will fund ongoing O&M costs as contributing cost share.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	87%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	75,000	13%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	575,000	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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

N/A

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	Funds for permitting and restoration via contracted services.	50,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds for permitting, installation and restoration via contracted services.	450,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

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?

Removal of organic sediments and installation of a nutrient reduction facility for continuous sequestering of water column pollutants intended to address the water quality impairments via nutrient reduction, reduce HAB occurrences, and attain surface water quality standards.

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

Project targets reduced nutrient loading. As water quality and storage is improved, the reduction in Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) occurrences leads to the overall physical health improvements for human, domestic animals, and wildlife.

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

Watersheds of Winter Park Chain of Lakes, Howell Creek, Howell Branch, Lake Waumpi, Lake Howell, Lake Jesup and the St. Johns River.
+450,000

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

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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?

Claw-backs on funding, provide locally sourced funding only resulting in potential lack of completion on the project.

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



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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
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?



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not ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2026

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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