



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1321

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

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	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2023-24	1,000,000	0	1705A	No

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.

**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?

06/01/2026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/31/2027

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

The ongoing operation of the gravity sewer lines will be funded through the City of Cocoa Beach's Commission approval 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 City of Cocoa Beach.

#### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contracted services include cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, sewer cleaning and inspection, lateral cutouts and grouting, root removal, bypass pumping, and related tasks.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

The proposed infrastructure improvements to the gravity sewer collection system are designed to mitigate elevated risks of infiltration and exfiltration, thereby reducing the likelihood of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) at manholes and pump stations—events that pose a direct threat to the Indian River Lagoon (IRL). These upgrades also help prevent capacity-related issues at the treatment facility, ensuring more efficient wastewater treatment and minimizing surface water discharges into the IRL.

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



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The project will have an environmental purpose, the project enhances ecological resilience in the adjacent aquatic ecosystems of the Indian River Lagoon Estuary and the Atlantic Ocean by preventing sewage overflows and leaks that contribute to eutrophication and water quality degradation.

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

The project safeguards public health by containing wastewater, preventing contamination of clean water sources, and mitigating environmental pollution. Its passive, gravity-based design and precise engineering enhance resilience, making the system less vulnerable to power outages and mechanical failures.

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

This project will serve the more than 11,000 residents of Cocoa Beach, as well as the approximately 2.5 million tourists who visit annually. Additionally, through memorandum of understand (mou) agreement, the City of Cocoa Beach provides sewer collection to neighboring communities, including Cape Canaveral, Satellite Beach, Port Canaveral, and Patrick Space Force Base, further extending the regional impact of this critical infrastructure investment.

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

This project will address elevated risks of infiltration and exfiltration, helping to prevent sanitary sewer overflows that reduce capacity in the sewer conveyance system and treatment plant. By minimizing discharges to surface waters, the project will help keep excess nutrients out of the environment. It will also reduce strain on equipment, conserve resources, and lower restoration needs. As a key component of responsible wastewater management, the project will enhance the collection, treatment, and reuse of wastewater, ultimately protecting vital water resources.

**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?**

In addition to the penalties established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the City proposes the imposition of a performance bond equivalent to the full cost of construction. The City employs a rigorous contractor vetting process to ensure only the most qualified and responsible firms are selected for the work. Furthermore, the City is supported by a skilled legal team prepared to assertively address any discrepancies in performance or deliverables through litigation.

**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#:**



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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?

Shovel Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/31/2027

#### 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

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*