



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1351

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this funding request is to perform injection grouting and lining of the City of Ocala's sewer pipes and manholes that have degraded over time. During normal operations the degraded sewer infrastructure allows sewer flows to leak into surrounding soils as they flow to the water reclamation facility. During storm events the degraded sewer infrastructure allows stormwater to leak into the sewer pipe and flow to the water reclamation facility.

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
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
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		
2024-25	0	250,000	1732A	Yes

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?

08/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2027

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

City of Ocala Water Resources Department - Capital Improvement Projects Division

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.

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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	This funding will cover: injection grouting, manhole liners; clay pipe lining; replacement of manhole rings; and degraded ductile iron pipes and fittings.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The primary objective of the project is to injection grout and line degraded sewer lines and manholes to prevent ex-filtration (leaking) of sewage flows into groundwater and infiltration of groundwater into sewage flows. This will not only reduce nutrient loading in the Silver Springs and Rainbow Springs Basins, but it will also lower the treatment of effluent at the water reclamation facilities and prevent sanitary sewer over flows during storm events.

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



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Ex-filtration (leaking) of sewage into the groundwater contributes to nutrient loading of the spring shed. Infiltration of groundwater during storm events causes sewer to backup into homes and business and surcharging of manholes resulting in contamination of storm water with raw sewage. By lining the pipes and manholes, it prevents both the ex-filtration and infiltration of sewage flows.

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

Reduce nutrient loading of Silver Springs by eliminating leakage of raw sewage into the spring shed, reduce residents cost for transporting and treating wastewater and minimize the liability from water pollution and public health risks by eliminating sanitary sewer overflows during storm events.

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

Residents within City of Ocala limits with aging infrastructure. These areas are defined on the City's GIS mapping system with the age and type of pipes, in the City's Wastewater Master Plan and is being currently evaluated with the Condition Assessment Plan.

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

Injection grouting and lining of sewer pipe and manholes requires no digging, this process works to grout, line and seal multiple angles, and it can protect the sewer system from debris buildup, corrosion, leaks and root intrusion. After the grouting and liner is in place, leak test and camera inspections are performed.

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?

Standard penalties, bonding requirements, and state/federal license requirements.

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) Appropriation Project Request
- ☐ 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?

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

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