



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1352

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is to install 5,500 linear feet of 12-inch force main that will connect to lift station 83 on SW First Lane, with the option to bypass lift station 83 as needed. By increasing the size of the force main this allows approximately 1,500 homes to connect to the sanitary sewer system preventing them from installing septic tanks.

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	500,000	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

10. Status of Construction



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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.

City of Ocala

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	Funds will cover the installation of 5,500 linear feet of 12-inch force main that will connect to lift station 83 on SW First Lane, with the option to bypass lift station 83 as needed.	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 install centralized sanitary lines and send flows to the wastewater treatment plant instead of having homes install septic tanks.

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

Funds will cover the installation of 5,500 linear feet of 12-inch force main that will connect to lift station 83 on SW First Lane, with the option to bypass lift station 83 as needed.

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



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New homes would be able to connect to the centralized sanitary sewer. By connecting new homes to the sanitary sewer this would prevent them from having septic tanks that can impair the Rainbow Springs spring shed. Thus preventing total nitrogen that is produced due to On-site Sewage Treatment Disposal Systems (OSTDS) from impacting the Upper Floridan Aquifer.

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

Roughly 1,500 homes would be able to connect flows to lift station 83.

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

By increasing the size of the force main this allows approximately 1,500 homes to connect to the system preventing them from installing septic tanks. This prevents approximately 21,516 lbs of TN from ever contaminating the groundwater annually. Based on data that the loadings in pounds of nitrogen per OSTDS in Rainbow Springs spring sheds is approximately 9.92 lb-N/person, and the household average in Marion County is 2.41 persons.

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ 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?

Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Sean Last Name Lanier

b. Organization City of Ocala



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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.