



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1362

1. Project Title

Florida Glass Recycling Initiative: Regional Processing & Market Development for Sustainable Growth

2. Senate Sponsor

Debbie Mayfield

3. Date of Request

11/19/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Description: According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the State of Florida generates approximately 1.1 million tons of residential glass, of which only 18% is reported to be recycled annually. This project would establish regional waste glass collection and processing facilities.

Objective: Develop three regional waste glass processing facilities and create end markets for processed glass aggregate, with a strong focus on local economic development and sustainable market growth. This initiative will position Florida as a leader in sustainable glass recycling while driving economic growth and strengthening local markets for recycled materials.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted?

Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	667,086
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>667,086</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)	667,086	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>667,086</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

No

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?

No

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.

### 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	Executive Director will provide oversight on project and input with regard to operations (Salary, \$5,894.40, Fringe \$1,277.32)	7,172
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Indirect Costs	6,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Project Manager will be responsible for site selection on daily operations, coordinating with designated facility operations. The Project Manager will also be responsible for preparing reporting activities as well financial expenditures (Salary, \$71,954.16, Fringe \$15,592.47) OPS employees will assist in staff assistant capacity (\$1,800.00, Fringe \$390.06).	89,736
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Selection and procurement of glass processing technology and loader, (\$484,178.54).	484,178
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractual services for equipment operations and moving	80,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>667,086</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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This initiative would develop three regional waste glass processing facilities in Florida and create end markets for processed glass aggregate.

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

Collection of waste glass from curbside recycling programs and drop-off centers, and Goodwill donation off facilities and process waste glass to glass aggregate for use in concrete applications, road base applications as well as in septic drain field applications.

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

This project will provide direct environmental and economic benefits to Florida citizens by expanding access to convenient glass recycling services, reducing landfill disposal costs, and supporting local job creation. Residents will gain new opportunities to recycle household glass, while communities benefit from cleaner environments, improved waste management infrastructure, and locally produced recycled materials used in construction and manufacturing.

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

Florida Panhandle, Southeast and Southwest Florida residents. The total population as of the 2020 Census, was 1.5 million, 9.4 million and 2.2 million respectively. Using this figure, the regional populations as percentages of the state's total are: Florida Panhandle: Approximately 6.96%, Southeast Florida: Approximately 44.04%, and Southwest Florida: Approximately 6.99%.

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

The project will be able to process 10,000 tons of waste glass. This equates to avoided disposal cost savings of \$420,000 per year.

Total tons of materials diverted from landfill as well as the volume of processed glass aggregate created as a result of the project.

**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?**

Remove Funding/Return Funding

**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):

#### 17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 18. 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.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="Capitol Solutions LLC"/>
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