



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1370

1. Project Title Sanibel Weir Flap Gate Modification and Installation - Hurricane Recovery (Ian, Helene, and Milton)

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

In 2025, the City of Sanibel completed its Surface Water Management Master Plan Update (stormwater). Based on the plan's findings, two key improvements are recommended to mitigate saltwater intrusion during high tides: Modifying the existing flap gate at the Beach Road Weir, and Installing a new flap gate at the Tarpon Bay Weir. These improvements are essential to prevent the backflow of saltwater into Sanibel's freshwater interior and to reduce the risk of storm surge and tidal flooding on private properties. The City has included \$130,000 in its FY26 budget to design the flap gates at both weirs. The total estimated cost for fabrication and installation is \$600,000. Sanibel is requesting a state appropriation of \$600,000 to fully fund implementation once design is complete.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	82%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	130,000	18%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	730,000	100%

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

January 1, 2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

june 1, 2027

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

The City of Sanibel will use general funds for ongoing maintenance of the weirs.

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 Sanibel.

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	State funds will be used to fabricate and install the flap gate for the Tarpon Bay Weir and fabricate and install a modified flap gate at the Beach Rd. Weir. Project expenses include construction administration.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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

Sanibel is requesting a state appropriation of \$600,000 to fully fund implementation once design is complete. The City has included \$130,000 in its FY26 budget to design the flap gates at the Beach Rd. Weir, and the Tarpon Bay Weir. This investment is critical to protecting developed property and the island's sensitive freshwater wetland ecosystems in both the east and west drainage basins from salt water intrusion related to storm surge and high tide flooding.



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

State funds will be used to fabricate and install the flap gate for the Tarpon Bay Weir and fabricate and install a modified flap gate at the Beach Rd. Weir.

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

This project, if funded, serves to protect Sanibel's property values and local economy by mitigating the threat of saltwater flooding of developed property and the island's sensitive freshwater wetland ecosystems in both the east and west drainage basins due to storm surge and high tide flooding.

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

The general public will be served by the project. Approximately 2,000 structures will be served by this project.

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

Protect economic losses from property damage, and preserve freshwater wetlands and wildlife habitat by mitigating impact from saltwater flooding. Outcome will be measured by the reduced frequency of property flooding from saltwater storm surge or high tide flooding.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables or performance measures as contractually required may lead to reduction in funding or contract termination.

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):

Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton.

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)
- ☒ 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?

In design phase. No construction ongoing.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2027



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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

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