



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1390

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Bronson seeks funding to complete engineering design, topographic surveying, permitting, and geotechnical work necessary to make its Septic Tank Phase Out, Phase 3 project shovel-ready. This project will prepare for construction to connect approximately 270 properties currently on septic systems to the Town's central wastewater system, reducing nitrogen loading and protecting groundwater and springs within the Silver River and Rainbow Springs BMAP area. As a financially disadvantaged community, this investment will strengthen Bronson's long-term sustainability by expanding its limited ratepayer base and supporting economic and environmental resilience.

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	1,300,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,300,000

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)	1,300,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,300,000	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		

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.

There are no alternative funding sources available. The Town of Bronson cannot accomplish this project without state and grant assistance due to its limited financial capacity and small ratepayer base.



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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?

04/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2030

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded through net revenues of the Town's Utility Fund, which supports the Town's water and sewer systems.

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 Town of Bronson will own and operate all facilities constructed under this project. The Town is a municipal government entity and the direct recipient of all fixed capital outlay funding.

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 Year 1 request will fund engineering design, topographic surveying, permitting, and geotechnical investigations to provide the foundational work needed to advance the project to construction.	1,300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,300,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of this project is to complete design, surveying, permitting, and geotechnical work necessary to make the Town's Septic Tank Phase Out, Phase 3 project shovel-ready. The long-term goal is to eliminate approximately 270 aging septic systems by connecting those properties to the Town's central wastewater system, thereby reducing nutrient loading, protecting groundwater and springs within the Silver River and Rainbow Springs BMAP area, and strengthening the Town's financial sustainability by expanding its ratepayer base.

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

Funds will be used for engineering design, topographic surveying, environmental permitting, and geotechnical investigations. These activities will produce complete, biddable construction plans and specifications that position the project to advance into the construction phase.

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

This project will directly benefit residents and businesses by laying the groundwork for expanded access to safe, reliable wastewater service. Once constructed, the improvements will eliminate the need for costly septic system repairs or replacements, protecting household finances while reducing health and environmental risks. These upgrades will enhance quality of life, safeguard groundwater, and ensure sustainable utility service for the Town's citizens.

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

The project serves all citizens and businesses within the Town of Bronson, a financially disadvantaged community with an estimated population of approximately 1,400 residents. The Phase 3 expansion will directly benefit about 270 households and indirectly benefit the entire community by improving environmental quality and utility system reliability.

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

The expected outcome is a shovel-ready design package for Phase 3 of the septic-to-sewer expansion, positioning the Town to pursue construction funding and implement nitrogen-reduction improvements. Success will be measured through completion of design milestones, issuance of environmental permits, and submission of a final construction-ready bid package. Long-term environmental benefits will be tracked through nitrogen-reduction estimates and reductions in the number of active septic systems.

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 standard contractual penalties, the contracting agency may consider withholding payment for incomplete or unsatisfactory deliverables and exercising performance and payment bonds to ensure completion of project milestones.

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



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☐ 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

☐ 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) FDEP Wastewater Grant, Water Quality Improvements Grant, Springs Restoration, and Appropriations

☐ 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)



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☐ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Awaiting project funding for design and construction

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2030

22. Requester Contact Information

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Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Town of Bronson

b. Municipality and County Levy

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☒ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

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