



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1398

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Surfside seeks state funding to upgrade Wastewater Lift Station 1, located near 501 93rd Street, which serves a majority of the community's sewer system. The existing station is undersized and vulnerable to flooding, saltwater intrusion, and storm surge, creating a risk of service interruptions and sewage overflows that threaten homes, businesses, and Biscayne Bay. The project will expand the wet well, install higher-capacity pumps, upgrade electrical controls, and add a standby generator to ensure the system continues operating during extreme weather, protecting residents, public health, and the environment.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,500,000	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.



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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?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded through the Town of Surfside's Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund, which supports maintenance of all sewer infrastructure within the Town.

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 Surfside will receive the funds and carry out the work within Town limits.

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 be used to pay a licensed construction contractor for the installation of new pumps, wet well expansion, electrical system upgrades, and a standby generator at Wastewater Lift Station 1, including associated site and structural improvements.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The project will harden and upgrade Wastewater Lift Station 1, located near 501 93rd Street, to ensure reliable sewer service during extreme rainfall, storm surge, and sea level rise. Improvements include enlarging the wet well, installing higher-capacity pumps, upgrading the electrical control system, and adding a standby generator to maintain continuous operation under flood conditions.

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

Construction to harden Wastewater Lift Station 1 (501 93rd St): enlarge the wet well; install two higher-capacity pumps; upgrade electrical controls; add a permanent standby generator; provide temporary bypass pumping; and complete related structural/site work and surface restoration.

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

Reliable sanitary sewer service during heavy rain and tidal surge; reduced risk of sewage backups and overflows; continuous service for homes, businesses, and public facilities; improved public health and protection of Biscayne Bay.

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

The project serves all residents, businesses, and public facilities connected to the Town of Surfside's sanitary sewer system. It is expected to benefit approximately 1,300 households and more than 5,000 people by ensuring reliable wastewater service and preventing sewer backups and overflows during major rain and tidal events.

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 reduce the risk of sewer system failures and overflows during heavy rainfall and coastal flooding events. It will improve wastewater reliability and protect public health and water quality in Biscayne Bay. Success will be measured through operational data, system performance monitoring, and the elimination of flood-related service interruptions.

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?

Penalties may include withholding payment or reimbursement until all construction milestones are met and the Town verifies substantial completion in accordance with approved plans and specifications.

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#:



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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)
- ☐ 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?

Expected to commence in late 2026

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 09/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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d. Phone Number (305)861-4863 Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

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b. Municipality and County Miami-Dade

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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