



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1566

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Suwannee, Dixie County was impacted by Hurricane Helene, which made landfall in September of 2024 as a Category 4 storm. The Town's wastewater treatment plant ID# FLA016664-006 experienced a full system failure due to storm surge. This funding will be used to design and permit resiliency and system hardening improvements for the Town's wastewater treatment plant in order to repair and prevent a repeat of the public health crisis and environmental hazards that occurred during hurricane Helene.

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	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	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	600,000	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.

The Town of Suwannee has been and will continue to apply for grants to fund improvements to their wastewater treatment plant.



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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?

7/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/3/2028

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

The Town of Suwannee's wastewater treatment plant's ongoing operations and maintenance is managed by the Town and will continue to be managed and maintained by the Town upon project completion.

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.

Town of Suwannee.

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 design and permit resiliency and hardening improvements to the wastewater treatment plant ID# FLA016664-006. Such improvements to be designed and permitted include but are not limited to the installation of a new process tank and SCADA system, retrofitting biological treatment components, and the elevation and waterproofing of the plants' electrical and pump systems.	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?



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The funds will go towards the design and permitting for the Town of Suwannee's wastewater treatment plant to make essential resiliency and hardening improvements. These improvements will mitigate future risks of wastewater overflow and system failure during natural disasters by sustaining and protecting operations before, during, and after storm surge events.

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

The funds will be used to design and permit resiliency and hardening improvements to the Town of Suwannee's wastewater treatment plant, which serves a population of approximately 750 people.

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

These improvements will assist in maintaining essential wastewater services, reduce the risk of sewer overflows, enhance infrastructure resilience, and provide energy efficiency before, during, and after extreme weather events.

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

The entire Town of Suwannee will be served by this project. The Town's population is currently approximately 750 people.

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

The wastewater treatment plant improvements to be designed and permitted will ensure the plant's future resiliency before, during, and after natural disasters. This will also ensure that the plant can maintain operations, efficiency, and safety to prevent full system failures. The benefits will improve wastewater management systems, storm water management systems, and improve the quality of drinking water, surface water, and ground water. An additional benefit will be the protection of the surrounding environment and community from harmful wastewater. The method of measurement will be a reduction in the level of water pollutants and contaminants in wastewater as demonstrated through sampling and analyses of wastewater effluent.

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 meet deliverables or performance measures will result in reduction or total loss of funding.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☒ Yes

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 Helene

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) Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- ☐ 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?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2028

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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