



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1717

1. Project Title Pinellas County - Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations Electrical Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 11/3/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The project will protect 31 pump stations from future flooding and storm events by elevating the electrical equipment at each sanitary sewer pump station. The 31 pump stations were damaged during Hurricane Helene, and are prone to future damage without mitigation. The electrical equipment that will be replaced and elevated includes the meter can, junction box, disconnect switch, remote telemetry unit, and control panel. The following work will be performed: Equipment will be elevated on a new aluminum platform with stairs; New conduit and wires will feed power to the electrical equipment; New electrical platforms will be installed 4 to 5 feet above existing grade and rated for 145-mph wind loads. Bypass pumping will also be required to maintain flow during the work.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,927,154
Total State Funds Requested	3,927,154

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)	3,927,154	35%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	5,700,000	49%
Local	1,900,000	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	11,527,154	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.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1717

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?

09/30/2029

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

Utilities operational budget

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.

Owned by Pinellas County Utilities

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	Construction services. The equipment will be elevated on a new aluminum platform with stairs. New conduit and wires will feed power to the electrical equipment. The new electrical platforms will be installed 4 to 5 feet above existing grade and rated for 145-mph wind loads. Bypass pumping will also be required to maintain flow during the work.	3,927,154
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,927,154

13. Program Performance

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1717

1. Mitigate risk of future flooding and bring critical infrastructure into compliance with Section 2 e. of Florida Administrative Code 62-604.400.
2. Invest in infrastructure to protect vulnerable pump stations against the 100-year storm event

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

The electrical equipment that will be replaced and elevated includes the meter can, junction box, disconnect switch, remote telemetry unit, and control panel. The following work will be performed: Equipment will be elevated on a new aluminum platform with stairs; New conduit and wires will feed power to the electrical equipment; New electrical platforms will be installed 4 to 5 feet above existing grade and rated for 145-mph wind loads. Bypass pumping will also be required to maintain flow during the work.

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

Pinellas County Utilities customers will receive ongoing, uninterrupted sanitary sewer services, even during major storm events.

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

Target population is Pinellas County Utilities (PCU) customers and visitors. The project will ensure that the over 64,000 residents and visitors in the 8,569 acres of PCU's service area affected by these pumps are less impacted by storm events.

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

1. Mitigate risk of future flooding and bring critical infrastructure into compliance with Section 2 e. of Florida Administrative Code 62-604.400.
 2. Invest in infrastructure to protect vulnerable pump stations against the 100-year storm event.
- Outcomes will be measured by tracking progress as each of the 31 lift stations are improved, protected and elevated. Specific measures will include number of lift stations elevated, number of feet raised above existing grade, and rated for 145 mph winds. Post-project performance metrics will include reduced outages due to storm surges during wet weather events.

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?

Revert funds back to the state.

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 (DR-4828)

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1717

☐ 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) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

☐ 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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1717

19. What is the status of construction?

Not started

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2029

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1717

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.