



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1720

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This is a Stormwater Pond Modification project to support improvements at a local pond that is a critical part of one of the community's local water sheds. Pond improvements are necessary to support appropriate flow of the creeks within the watershed, to prevent unnecessary flooding and erosion. Unnecessary flooding and erosion can affect hundreds of private property owners. Inadequate flow can negatively impact thousands. It is critical that the City of Safety Harbor maintain these ponds.

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 | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,000,000 |

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) | 1,000,000 | 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 | 1,000,000 | 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 | | |
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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



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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?

Local government general fund made up of property taxes, fees, etc.

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.

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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 | Design and construction | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose is to modify a local pond which is critical to the maintenance and operation of a creek within the City's multiple watershed system.

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

The pond modification project will be designed to ensure adequate flow, as well as reduced erosion and unnecessary flooding.

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



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

The pond modification project will serve no less than a third of the population's 16,000 residents; therefore a little over 5,000 local residents. However, it should be noted that the pond supports a creek, and an overall larger watershed which is counted on by residents living within the City of Safety Harbor, the City of Clearwater, and unincorporated Pinellas County.

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

The pond will be evaluated by direct observation to ensure adequate flow of the creek and pond system, no erosion, and no flooding. Unnecessary flooding and/or erosion on private property is hoped to be reduced if not eliminated.

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?

Return of funds

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#:

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



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☐ 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?

Not ready.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number (727)724-1555

Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Safety Harbor

b. Municipality and County Pinellas

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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Last Name Cooper

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f. Phone Number (727)724-1520

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