



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1729

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project funds the full construction and refurbishment of five aging lift stations: LS-03, 34, 47, 49, and 67. The comprehensive rehabilitation will address structural, mechanical, and electrical system deficiencies to restore the stations to a like-new condition. This critical work will ensure the reliable operation of essential wastewater infrastructure and prevent sanitary sewer overflows to protect 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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	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	3,000,000	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		

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.

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?

12/28/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/28/2028

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

City will maintain with our operations funding.

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.

City of Clearwater will own and maintain.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to construct and refurbish five lift stations.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose is the critical and timely refurbishment of five lift stations that are nearing the end of their operational life. These funds will be used to construct and refurbish these stations to prevent catastrophic failures that would cause sanitary sewer overflows, thereby protecting public health and safeguarding the significant state and local investment in our coastal water quality and world-renowned beaches.

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

Funds will be used to cover the cost of construction to improve the lift stations.

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



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An improved sewer system that will be more efficient and reliable.

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

"This project will directly protect the health and property of over 117,000 Clearwater residents connected to our sanitary sewer system. By preventing system failures, it also safeguards our vital tourism population and the businesses that depend on clean beaches and waterways

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

We expect an improvement in lift stations being rehabilitated in safety, efficiency, and capacity. We will continue to monitor these lift stations after construction is complete and expect to see less problems from these lift stations in maintenance or more serious failures such as sewer overflows.

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?

If the lift stations are not rehabilitated and fail they can cause sewer overflows which will result in fines from the FDEP.

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?

In Design

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/28/2028

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Clearwater

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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