



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1743

1. Project Title Tarpon Springs Pinellas Trail Culvert Project

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 11/25/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This project will mitigate flooding that occurs east of the Pinellas Trail within the City from Harrison Street south to East Curlew Place. Flooding can be resolved by improving the existing 30-inch trail cross-drain to minimize trail overtopping and to decrease the wetland recovery periods. The total cost of design and construction is \$351,416. The City is requesting \$175,708 (50%) in State Appropriation Funding with a \$175,708 (50%) City match. The City's match would include all of the design costs and half of the construction cost.

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	175,708
Total State Funds Requested	175,708

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)	175,708	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	175	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	175,883	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.

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?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

The City has its own Stormwater Utility (Enterprise Fund) and will use a funding stream for Operation and Maintenance provided by the City's annual budget for in-house stormwater staff.

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	Funds will support the improvement of an existing 30-inch trail cross-drain to minimize trail overlapping and to decrease the wetland recovery periods.	175,708
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		175,708

13. Program Performance

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

This project will mitigate flooding that occurs east of the Pinellas Trail within the City from Harrison Street south to East Curlew Place.

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

Flooding can be resolved by improving the existing the 30-inch cross drain to minimize trail overlapping and to decrease the wetland recovery periods.



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

This project will mitigate flooding to the area east of the Pinellas Trail from Harrison Street south to East Curlew Place.

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

Approximately 1524 parcels will be served by this project

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

This project is expected to mitigate flooding east of the Pinellas Trail

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 City of Tarpon Springs fails to meet the deliverables of this funding request, it is expected that the City will repay all or a portion of the funding provided.

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?

0% completed

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0% completed

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number (727)938-3711

Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Tarpon Springs

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)

d. First Name Paulette

Last Name Harbert

e. E-mail Address pharbert@ctsfl.us

f. Phone Number (330)207-0098

Ext.

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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