



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1764

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Bradenton is undertaking a feasibility study to evaluate potential improvements to the Bill Evers Reservoir Dam. In recent years, the dam has experienced three separate incidents of brackish river water breaching and backflowing into the reservoir during extreme weather events. The study will assess structural and environmental conditions to identify measures that can enhance the dam's performance, prevent saltwater intrusion, and improve the resilience of the City's potable water supply.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,500,000	50%
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?

1/1/2030

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2033

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

The City of Bradenton Public Works and Utility Department is the operations and maintenance entity with Utility Enterprise funds being used to finance ongoing maintenance.

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.

The City of Bradenton Public Works and Utility Department is the owner and operations and maintenance entity.

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	The study will assess structural and environmental conditions to identify measures that can enhance the dam's performance, prevent saltwater intrusion, and improve the resilience of the City's potable water supply.	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Bill Evers Reservoir is a vital source of freshwater for the City of Bradenton, providing all of its potable water needs. However, it's proximity to a brackish tidal river exposes it to storm surge and backflow risk during extreme weather. These events have led to the intrusion of saltwater into the reservoir, compromising water quality. A feasibility study will provide the technical foundation to understand these vulnerabilities and determine practical, cost-effective strategies to strengthen the dam and protect the reservoir from future events.

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



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Consulting services will be contracted in conjunction with ACOE on the feasibility of repairing, rehabilitating or replacing the dam structure that protects the potable water supply for the City. The plant is currently permitted for up to 12 MGD. Additional supply is NOT being sought, just protection of the existing.

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 City of Bradenton +60,000 residents and businesses.

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

This initiative supports broader state goals of improving water system resilience and environmental sustainability. By proactively evaluating the dam's condition and potential improvement options, the City aims to secure a reliable water supply under changing climate conditions. The study will help guide future infrastructure planning and investment decisions that safeguard public health and maintain long-term water resource stability.

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?

Reversion 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):

Idalia, Debby, 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#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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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)
- ☒ 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?

This is a feasibility study, not ready for construction

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2033



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