



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1851

1. Project Title DeBary Resilient Streets:Building Infrastructure in Oldest and Lowest Income Neighborhoods

2. Senate Sponsor Tom Wright

3. Date of Request 11/20/2025

4. Project/Program Description

DeBary will implement critical stormwater infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding, protect homes, and enhance water quality in its oldest and lowest-income neighborhoods, originally developed in the 1940s and 1950s. This project replaces outdated culvert systems with modern, efficient pipes and drainage networks designed to manage stormwater more effectively. Additionally, new stormwater retention and treatment ponds will filter runoff before it flows downhill into the adjacent Gemini Springs, one of Florida's Outstanding Springs, helping to preserve its ecological integrity. By addressing chronic flooding and erosion, the project will prevent the loss of property, including yards and landscaping, that residents have experienced during storms. These upgrades will improve neighborhood resilience, protect public and private investments, and ensure long-term environmental and community health for one of DeBary's most populated areas.

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	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	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,500,000	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.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 1, 2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 1, 2027

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

DeBary has allocated a 33% match and will use those funds for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project.

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 DeBary

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	This project replaces outdated culvert systems with modern, efficient pipes and drainage networks designed to manage stormwater more effectively. Additionally, new stormwater retention and treatment ponds will filter runoff before it flows downhill into the adjacent Gemini Springs, one of Florida's Outstanding Springs, helping to preserve its ecological integrity.	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?



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The project improves stormwater network within one of DeBary's most flood-prone areas, particularly the older, poorest residential neighborhoods built before today's engineering and environmental standards were adopted. The project addresses vulnerabilities identified in the city's FDEP sponsored vulnerability assessment. The project is shovel-ready and increases flood protection, water efficiency

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

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

More frequent and intense storms have made many streets unpassable for extended periods of time post storm weakening roads and eroding residential property. City staff will be better able to maintain the system, ensure it is operating at peak levels. This project replaces outdated culvert systems with modern, efficient pipes and drainage networks designed to manage stormwater more effectively. Additionally, new stormwater retention and treatment ponds will filter runoff before it flows downhill into the adjacent Gemini Springs, one of Florida's Outstanding Springs, helping to preserve its ecological integrity.

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

Residents in our oldest and poorest neighborhoods will be served by this project. It is estimated approximately 1500-2000 residents will be served.

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

This stormwater project will reduce flooding that can lead to property damage, standing water, and mosquito-borne illnesses, creating a safer and cleaner environment. Improved drainage prevents mold and contaminants from accumulating around homes. This will be measured by ensuring water is flowing properly and in the proper retention area, preventing flooding and standing water.

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?

Nonpayment of invoices.

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



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☐ 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)

☒ N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)

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☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern

☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

☒ N/A



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19. What is the status of construction?

Shovel ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 1, 2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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Ext.

23. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of DeBary

b. Municipality and County Volusia

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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