



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1853

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project would be to dredge the area near the Turnbull Bay Canal Bridge in order to improve water flow into Rose Bay. These efforts would reduce flooding in the local area and City-wide during high rainfall events. Dredging operations would commence after acquisition of necessary permits. The City of New Smyrna Beach is already coordinating with a contractor to acquire permits for this project.

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	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	800,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2026

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

Ongoing maintenance will be funded by the City's Maintenance Operations budget.

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 New Smyrna Beach, maintaining 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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The intended use for this Grant request will be for the construction portion of dredging the area near the Turnbull Creek Bridge. This would remove built up sediment below the Mean High Water Line (MHWL). Permitting will be paid for by the City.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will support dredging near the Turnbull Bay Canal Bridge to restore water flow through the removal of built up sediment, reduce neighborhood flooding, and improve tidal exchange and water quality in Rose Bay.

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

Construction/Dredging of Turnbull Creek Canal near the Turnbull Bay Canal Bridge.



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

The project will deliver critical flood protection and drainage improvements for residents in New Smyrna Beach, especially during hurricanes and intense rainfall. The improved capacity due to sediment removal will allow for water offshed

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

This project would directly benefit residents near the Turnbull Canal and Rose Bay Area. Additionally, due to improved drainage, this project would also affect the City as a whole. This area has a large percentage of low and moderate income residents that are significantly affected by extreme weather events.

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

The City plans on measuring success through pre and post-construction monitoring of total sediment removal cubic yardage amounts, improvements to the water movement & capacity in the area, and tracking reductions in flood-related reports.

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?

Liquidated damages will be assigned to the project for failure to perform based on contract time and deliverables.

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):

Hurricane Ian and Milton - Mitigation of future flooding.

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



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- ☐ 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?

Not Started

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name

Olivia

Last Name

Thomas



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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

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