



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1870

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the project is to storm harden the City of Bradenton's sanitary sewer system by eliminating the existing Lift Station 08 (LS08), originally constructed in the 1930's, and located immediately adjacent to the Manatee River. The finished floor elevation of the lift station is at the same elevation as the seawall, below FEMA base flood elevation. The lift station platform is underwater several times a year during a heavy rain event that is coincident with a high tide. A new submersible pump station will be built approximately 9 feet higher in elevation, safely out of the floodplain.

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	1,500,000
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	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,500,000	75%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	6,000,000	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		
2025-26	0	2,000,000	1555	No

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.



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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?

7/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2027

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

Maintenance and operations of the lift station and collection system will be part of the City's Mechanical and Sewer Departments responsibilities, including inspection, monitoring, cleaning, etc. Funding for this is a recurring annual expense in the City's Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund.

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 Utilities Department will be the owner and operator of all the improvements.

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	Engineering design, survey, geotechnical investigation, legal fees, other professional services, demolition of the existing LS08, bypass pumping during construction, a new code compliant structure, pumps, valves, piping, manholes, electrical power, controls systems, site work, and restoration. This application is for construction funding only.	1,500,000
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?



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LS08 is located in downtown Bradenton, within 12 feet of the Manatee River and serves a 232-acres sewershed with 406 residences, commercial, institutional, and government buildings. A small portion of the sewershed is below the FEMA established base flood elevation; 27 buildings including LS08 are below BFE, the remainder of the buildings continue to have service during the flood events but flow is either bypassed or circulates to the Manatee River. The existing lift station does not meet current building code for finished floor elevation or electrical components in a flood zone. The project addresses public health and safety concerns and increases the resiliency of the overall sanitary sewer system in the City for future flooding and storm surge events by relocating and rebuilding a code compliant lift station out of the flood zone.

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

The funds for engineering design, survey, geotechnical investigation, and other professional services to create a successful project have been encumbered and this application request for funds are specifically for construction. This includes demolition of the existing LS08, bypass pumping during construction, a new code compliant structure, pumps, valves, piping, manholes, electrical power, controls systems, site work, and restoration.

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

Due to the proximity of the lift station to the Manatee River, a loss of its power supply or a mechanical failure may result in overflows from the lift station that mix with flood waters and ultimately release raw sewage into the Manatee River. In addition, interruption in the operation of the lift station can result in the gravity sewer system that flows to it surcharging and potentially back flowing into the residences. The project will protect citizens from both of these sources of environmental degradation and public health risk.

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

LS08 receives sanitary sewer flow from a residential area, some small businesses, and governmental buildings (Bradenton City Hall and Manatee County Administrative offices) in downtown Bradenton and the surrounding area. A total impacted area of 232 acres and 406 buildings will be directly served by the project. Additionally, the greater Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay communities will benefit from the reduction in sewage overflows to the Manatee River, a critical regional asset.

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

The project ensures that the contributory sewer collection system does not surcharge and backflow into residences currently served by LS08, and an eliminates the potential for the release of raw sewage overflows to the environment. The City also anticipates a greater reduction in inflow & infiltration entering the system by moving the station off the river. This outcome can be measured by comparing the downtime and resulting adverse effects of the existing and proposed lift stations during severe wet weather events as well as improved water quality in the river.

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? Yes

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):

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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?



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- ☒ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

FDEM LMS

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

6,000,000

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):

2025-26 State Appropriation

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) FDEM LMS
- ☐ 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

19. What is the status of construction?

Design between 60-90%

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2027

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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