



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1949

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Bushnell is seeking design funding to expand its wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) from 1.2 to an estimated 2 MGD to meet rising local and regional demands. Positioned along a major interstate near the growing Orlando metropolitan area and The Villages, Bushnell is facing rapid development pressure. Without increased WWTF capacity, the City cannot support new residential and commercial growth. This infrastructure upgrade is essential for regulatory compliance, public health, and unlocking economic development through housing, business expansion, and job creation.

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	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

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	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/30/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2028

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

Utility Funds

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Pre-construction activities to include design and permitting of the wastewater treatment facility.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The requested design funding will enable the City of Bushnell to develop a comprehensive, permit-ready plan to modernize and expand its wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) from 1.2 MGD to an estimated 2MGD to address the regional growth and economic expansion into the area. This will address regional infrastructure needs driven by population growth and interlocal agreements, like the existing one with the City of Webster.

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



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To meet the purpose of the requested funds, the City of Bushnell activities will include the design of the WWTF to be modernized and expanded. This project will provide the engineering design of an estimated 2 MGD facility capable of handling regional growth and nutrient removal needs. The project will also include permitting activities to ensure the design is construction-ready and compliant with regulatory requirements.

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

Direct services to residents will not be part of this project.

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

The target population served by the project is the residents of City of Bushnell, population 3,148, and the City of Webster, population 1,631, for a total population served of 4,779.

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

The expected outcome of the project is a fully developed, permit-ready design for an upgraded wastewater treatment facility that meets the current and future needs of Bushnell and surrounding communities. The outcome will be measured by the completion of a permit-ready design that meets technical, regulatory, and regional service requirements, including capacity, nutrient removal, and construction readiness.

**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 project does not meet the standards of the department the effect will be addressed through withholding payment, corrective action plans, or termination of the agreement.

**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)?**



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- ☐ 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 for the design portion of the project; no construction involved at this time.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2028

22. Requester Contact Information



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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.*