



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1950

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Bushnell is requesting funds to build a new Master Lift Station to replace aging infrastructure and resolve critical issues in its regional wastewater system. The current station is central to multiple feeder stations, accepts all of City of Webster's wastewater through an interlocal agreement, is over capacity, lacks functional emergency power, and suffers from structural and equipment deterioration, leading to frequent operational disruptions. Planned upgrades include a new wet well, modern pumps and electrical systems, SCADA integration, and floodproofing to improve resiliency, safeguard public health, and support growth across Sumter County. Bushnell is updating its interlocal agreement with Webster to expand treatment capacity from 175,000 g from Webster to 400,000 gallons per day, reinforcing the project's regional importance.

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



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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?

09/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Utility 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.

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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	Construction of the Master Lift Station and project, administration management.	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?

The specific purpose is to help Bushnell construct a new Master Lift Station that directly addresses critical infrastructure vulnerabilities and enhances regional wastewater resiliency. The funding will support the replacement of an aging, over-capacity station that currently lacks fixed emergency power and suffers from structural degradation and outdated equipment.

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



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To meet the intended purpose of these funds, the City of Bushnell will construct a new Master Lift Station equipped with a modern wet well, upgraded pumps and valves, waterproofed electrical systems, and enhanced SCADA instrumentation for remote monitoring. These improvements will provide reliable emergency power, mitigate flood risks, and ensure stable wastewater service for the region's interconnected lift stations.

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

Direct services will not be provided to the citizens of Bushnell.

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 project will improve regional wastewater reliability by replacing the aging, over-capacity Master Lift Station with modern infrastructure, reducing flood risk, preventing system failures, and ensuring uninterrupted service for multiple feeder stations. The outcome of the project will be measured by tracking reductions in overflow incidents, analyzing SCADA system data for performance improvements, verifying compliance through discharge monitoring reports, and comparing emergency response costs before and after construction to assess financial ben

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:



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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?

Construction has not started, but design is completed and permits have been obtained.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027



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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.