



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1963

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will enable installation of a hyperlocal flood monitoring sensor network and data intelligence platform, as has been achieved in other locations around the state. This platform benefits the public at large, as well as strengthens capabilities for real-time emergency management for ground-truth data to enable alerts, proactive road closure. water level and flood data sets empower actionable mitigation for infrastructure protection planning and vulnerability assessment response.

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	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>450,000</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)	450,000	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>450,000</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.

**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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used 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.

#### 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	This funding will enable installation of a hyperlocal flood monitoring sensor network and data intelligence platform, as has been achieved in other locations around the state.	450,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>450,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

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



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The project allows for installation of 25 new real-time, self-contained, water level and inundation sensors around Live Oak, at sites prioritized by local government officials and in consultation with state agencies and NWS forecasters. Comprehensive maintenance, telemetry, cyberinfrastructure, and data analytics are all-inclusive and guaranteed.

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

Citizens benefit directly by filling gaps in data availability and through publicly available data and alerts, as well as from enhanced emergency operations support during flooding events, and ability to make data-informed decisions for longer-term planning of mitigation and adaptation to flooding events.

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

The project will target the population of the greater Suwannee County service area serving approximately 45,000 people with real time flood information during heavy rain events or natural disasters through a real time sensor network and internal/public dashboard to inform government and public decisions.

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

A real-time flooding intelligence platform empowers Emergency Operators to make better, data-driven decisions for road closures, evacuations, and first responder activities, as well as provide longer-term data for management decisions for infrastructure protection (bridges, roads, buildings). Densification of a surface water level sensor network assists with real-time operations of pump stations, as well as planning for future water management needs. Measurable through direct website and mobile app engagement analytics.

**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 appropriated, we would expect clawback provisions to be outlined in the contract and exercised if we fail to perform as agreed upon in the agreement between the city and state.

**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):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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