



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 3215

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Over 2,000 residents in the City of South Miami currently rely on outdated and malfunctioning septic systems that pose significant risks to public health, water quality, and the environment. A sub-area referred to as "Sub-area K" has been identified as a priority due to the threat of sea-level rise. Construction on Phase 1, which includes 46 homes and a building located in a City park, is being finalized. Funds are being requested for Phase 2 of the project, which would convert an additional 159 homes to a modern, efficient sewer system. With this project, we can improve sanitation, reduce pollution, and enhance overall quality of life for our community. Funding for this initiative will not only address these pressing issues but also create long-term cost savings by reducing maintenance and repair costs associated with aging septic infrastructure.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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	34%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	1,000,000	33%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	33%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	900,000	1798	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  No

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?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

The City's general fund will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance.

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	The funds will be used to continue construction of a new public sanitary system in a priority area due to the threat of sea-level rise. Existing properties are currently served by septic tank systems that are negatively impacting the City's groundwater/drinking water. Total construction cost for Sub-Area K Phase II: \$9,533,000 (October 2025 estimate).	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?



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

Construction services for Sub-area K Phase II of the sanitary sewer project

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

Citizens will receive a sanitary gravity sewer line to connect to in front of their home. This will give them the ability to abandon septic tanks and receive municipal sewer services.

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

Individuals living in 159 homes in Phase 2 of Sub-Area K.

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

The expected benefit of converting septic systems to a sewer system in a residential area is primarily to improve public health and environmental sustainability. By connecting homes to a centralized sewer system, the project aims to reduce the risk of septic system failures, which can lead to contamination of groundwater, surface water, and soil. This can also mitigate unpleasant odors and improve overall sanitation. Furthermore, the conversion will likely reduce maintenance costs for residents and improve the community's infrastructure, leading to better long-term outcomes for both health and property values.

**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?**

City contracts include performance, standards, and conditions for curing performance issue. Additionally, liquidated damages are also within the City's purview.

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#:**



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**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
- 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?**

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

**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.*