



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 3316

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Hermosa Lift Station Upgrade Project involves the rehabilitation and modernization of the main wastewater lift station in Hernando Beach. The lift station is a vital component of the Hernando County coastal community's wastewater transmission system, collecting flow from six upstream pump stations.

The Hermosa Lift Station currently operates under fluctuating pressures and flow cycles from six upstream lift stations. A recent engineering analysis concluded that the station must be upgraded to prevent sanitary sewer overflows, system backups for loss of power, and potential public health hazards. Additionally, its main wetwell and electrical components are vulnerable to flooding and must be elevated to ensure resiliency.

This project will increase the pumping capacity of the station, raise the station and controls above the floodplain, and install a back-up diesel pump in case of a power outage.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No Yes

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 | 44% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 1,910,000 | 56% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 3,410,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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

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 |
|--|--|------------------|
| 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 Only. Design and Engineering has already been completed | 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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Wastewater Lift station upgrade including larger pumping capacity, raised electrical controls and wetwell to prevent intrusion during coastal flooding, and a standby diesel pump for backup during power outages. This is a flood resiliency project for the coastal community Hernando Beach which has been repeatedly impacted by coastal flooding due to storms. Preventing sanitary sewer overflows in the waterways and within the community to protect public health and safety.

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

No activities.

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

No direct services.

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

The residents/businesses in Hernando Beach, approximately 5,000

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

Reduction of wastewater spills caused from storm events. It can be measured by reducing the amount of reported spills.

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?

Repayment of funds if the lift station construction is not initiated.

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) Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Helene and Milton (SAHM)
- 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?

Ready to bid

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2027



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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.