



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 3444

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of St. Lucie Village is pursuing a septic-to-sewer conversion project to eliminate septic tanks in the Town. Phases 1 and 2 of this project are east of Old Dixie Highway and are subject to tidal flooding. Phase 1 is currently in construction and is anticipated to be complete by mid-2026. Design of Phase 2 is complete. Phase 3 is the remainder of the Village, located west of Old Dixie Highway. St. Lucie Village lies entirely within the Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan (CIRL BMAP) area and will be required to comply with requirements of House bill 1379, eliminating septic tanks by July 1, 2030, either by connecting to a sewer system or by replacing septic tanks with nutrient removal systems. The Town is pursuing the sewer system as the more cost-effective option. Phase 3 will eliminate 79 septic systems, which will result in a significant reduction in nutrient loading to the Indian River Lagoon.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	485,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	485,500

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)	485,500	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	485,500	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		

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

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)?

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	Design and permitting for Phase 3 of the Town's septic-to-sewer conversion project, which will serve the residential areas of the Town not served by Phases 1 or 2 .	485,500
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		485,500

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of the Town is to eliminate the use of septic tanks by July 1, 2030. With completion of this Phase 3 project, all properties in the Town will have access to a sewer force main. The Town's commercial corridor fronts U.S. Highway 1 and can be served by a Fort Pierce Utilities Authority 16-inch force main on the east side of US1.

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



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The planning, design, and permitting of the third and final phase of the Town's septic-to-sewer conversion project for eventual elimination of septic tank use in the Town.

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

The ultimate direct service provided to the Town's citizens will be reliable sewer service that will be available after the pressure sewer system is designed, permitted, and constructed.

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

The target population served by this project is the Town residents primarily west of Old Dixie Highway. Of the 79 homes served by this project, only three are located east of Old Dixie Highway on the extreme south end of the Town. The population served by this Phase 3 sewer project is estimated at 180.

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

Completion of design and permitting for this project will allow pursuit of state and federal grants for construction of the project. This request also includes the preparation of approx. 35 easements needed to complete the project. Outside funding is needed to make the project affordable for the residents. That was evident in the failure of two previous attempts to utilize St. Lucie County's Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) process to construct a pressure sewer system in the Town. The MSBU process will be used to cover Phase 3 construction costs not covered by grants. Responses to petitions sent out for the MSBU will be used to determine resident support for the project and the Village Board's approval to proceed.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in funding being returned to the 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):

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?

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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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

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