



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1690

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Miami Lakes Septic-to-Sewer Phase 1 Project consists of the design, permitting, and construction services for property owners to abandon septic tank systems and connect to available sanitary sewer infrastructure. The proposed properties are located in south central Miami Lakes just east of the Palmetto Expressway. The Septic-to-Sewer Phase 1 Project connections will take place east of NW 74th Avenue from NW 143rd Street to NW 145th Street in Miami Lakes. The Project will design, permit and construct plumbing connections from public sewer infrastructure to individual properties. Once a property is connected to the sanitary sewer system, the septic tank will be properly abandoned. The Project will enhance economical and environmental benefits, including reduced costs for property owners establishing sewer connections, reduced public health impacts, reduced impacts from septic systems, and increased property values. The Town is requesting \$2.65 million to complete this Project.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?  No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,650,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,650,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,650,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>2,650,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$15.7 million from the American Rescue Plan Act for improved stormwater infrastructure.  
 \$552,000 from the CARES Act for the Miami Lakes Small Business Grant Program.  
 \$172,700 from the FDLE CES/RF for Police COVID-19 related overtime.  
 \$103,878 from the CARES Act for police expenses, PPEs, and social distancing supplies.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

Private property owners directly connected to the public sanitary sewer system.

13. 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: Other</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 design, permitting, and construction for property owners to abandon septic tank systems and plumbing to connect to public sewer infrastructure.	2,650,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,650,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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The funding goal is to construct the Project for the purpose of property owners to abandon septic tank systems and connect to available sanitary sewer infrastructure for approximately 10 properties located in south central Miami Lakes. The existing septic tank system remains one of the the biggest barriers for property owners. Providing financial assistance for sanitary sewer connections will enhance sewer infrastructure and protect private property and health in Miami Lakes' neighborhoods.

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

Activities and services consist of the construction of the new plumbing connections from public sewer infrastructure for approximately 10 properties located in south central Miami Lakes just east of the Palmetto Expressway. Once a property is connected to the sanitary sewer system, the septic tank will be properly abandoned.

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

A Plan of Action Report was prepared as a joint effort between the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) and the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) in 2020 informing policymakers of implementations to reduce the environmental impact and public health risks of septic tank systems and the benefits of septic to sewer conversion. Property owners will be provided the service of plumbing connections and septic tank abandonment, including the required permitting and notifications.

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

This funding would support the private property connections of properties in an area with unconnected and 10 septic tank vulnerable properties just east of NW 74th Avenue from NW 143rd Street to NW 145th Street, located east of the Palmetto Expressway in south central Miami Lakes.

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

Expected benefits include social, economic, and environmental benefits, including reduced costs to property owners for establishing sewer connection, reduced impacts from septic systems, reduced nutrient effluent impacts on ground and surface waters, reduced public health impacts from failing septic systems that have the potential to cause sewer backups, reduced risk of exposure to bacteria and pathogens in floodwaters, and enhanced health and property values. The Project will be measured by the number of septic tank systems removed and the removal of the associated nutrients. Outcome will be measured by field inspections and documented events. The Project will create specific contractor, engineer, environmental, and consultant immediate job opportunities in construction management measured by contractual agreements.

**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 the contract?**

No payment will be made for a request for reimbursement which does not include an updated summary of the project, dated invoices, checks paid by the contracting agency, and proof of payments via copies of deposited checks.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

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

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

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

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**



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- 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

### Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

#### 18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

#### 19. 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

#### 20. What is the status of construction?



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

0%

**22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

10/31/2026