



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1875

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The requested \$1 million funding for the Harbourfront Park and Living Shoreline Project places a strong emphasis on safety and environmental resilience. Its primary objective is to fortify and replace the aging seawall along the south side of Baker's Haulover Inlet, reinforcing the area's defenses against escalating coastal challenges, such as sea-level rise, storm surges, and erosion. Moreover, this visionary project incorporates a crucial ecological component—a living coral wall—that holds the promise of rejuvenating and enriching the local environment. Notably, the benefits extend beyond safeguarding Bal Harbour Village and the broader region. This initiative not only fortifies against environmental challenges but also opens doors to educational opportunities concerning marine ecosystems and sustainable coastal development, further solidifying the community's commitment to long-term resilience.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	5%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	14,900,000	95%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	15,750,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
				No

9. **Is future 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.**



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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.

Approximately \$3.6 million has been awarded to the Village. \$2.1 million is primarily payroll cost related and \$1.5 is for stormwater projects.

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.

Harbourfront Park is within Bal Harbour Village boundaries and is maintained by the Village.

13. 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: Other		
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	Funding will go toward costs related to the selection and hiring of contractors, procurement of construction materials and equipment, labor costs, and other construction-related expenditures.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Funding will go toward costs related to the selection and hiring of contractors, procurement of construction materials and equipment, labor costs, and other construction-related expenditures. Additionally, it facilitates the integration of a living shoreline, specifically a living coral wall, which promises ecological renewal and coastal resilience. This project serves as a regional asset, ensuring safety, preserving beaches, stimulating the local economy, and offering educational opportunities.

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

While direct services, in the traditional sense, will not be provided through this project, it aims to enhance citizens' and tourists' appreciation of the natural environment by creating a safe and accessible space that technically constitutes a direct service by offering a unique opportunity to connect with marine life and the coastal ecosystem.

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

In the future, we will provide direct services to citizens by hosting environmental guest speakers at Harbourfront Park, offering educational talks on the critical importance of valuing and respecting our natural environment and ocean. This will promote inclusivity and engagement among people of all abilities while emphasizing the significance of education in fostering environmental stewardship.

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

The project's target population is broad, as the majority of funds will be allocated to benefit various community members without focusing on any specific group. The initiative is expected to reach and positively impact over 800 individuals within the area. Bal Harbour Village is home to more than 3,000 residents, and this project will contribute to enhancing the overall community experience. An important aspect to highlight is the project's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. In addition to its broad reach, the project will also prioritize inclusivity by incorporating handrails with Braille descriptions to ensure that the visually impaired can fully enjoy and engage with the sites. This demonstrates our dedication to making the project accessible and enjoyable for everyone in the community.

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

This project offers multiple benefits, including enriching cultural experiences, enhancing and preserving environmental quality, and ensuring public safety. To gauge the enrichment of cultural experiences, we will assess the utilization of over-water platforms designed for people of all abilities, promoting equitable access to nature. Additionally, we will closely monitor the growth and health of the newly created habitat shelf and coral wall at the seawall's end to measure the enhancement and preservation of environmental quality, especially regarding the coral wall and living shoreline component. In terms of protecting the general public, our monitoring efforts will extend to crime rates in the project area, with a focus on incidents related to public safety and environmental concerns. This comprehensive approach aims to not only enhance cultural and environmental aspects but also ensure the well-being and security of the community, aligning with the project's overarching goals.

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?

In the event that Bal Harbour Village fails to meet specified deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract for administering appropriated funds, clear penalties should be incorporated into the contract's terms. These penalties may include financial reimbursement, Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs), escalation mechanisms, a dispute resolution process, and transparent reporting.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

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)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

Ready to construct

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025