



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2470

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	9,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,000,000

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)	9,000,000	45%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	11,000,000	55%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	20,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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



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

\$106 million in COVID-19 direct and indirect funding for: COVID-19 prevention and mitigation; business and non-profit grant programs; affordable housing; rental assistance; public transit; water and sewer infrastructure; public safety first responder efforts.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/1/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/25

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.

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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	Design, permitting, and construction of initial beach nourishment, construction of a groin and breakwater, easements, and inspections.	9,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,000,000

14. 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?

Easement acquisition, beach nourishment, construction of a sand-tight terminal groin at the west end of Porpoise Point, breakwater structures at the east side of the project, and a spur groin connected to the existing terminal groin.

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

The Porpoise Point Beach Stabilization project will prevent further erosion and exposure of residential building foundations and underground utilities, replace essential seaturtle habitat, and restore the recreational use of the area providing additional tourism revenue.

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

Over 200,000 residents and 7 million visitors that live in, visit or do business in the Porpoise Point and Vilano neighborhoods, Porpoise Point Beach, and Vilano Beach.

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

Re-establishing the coastline and implementing hardening infrastructure on Porpoise Point will stabilize the shoreline by reducing wave impacts and limiting erosion. The project will prevent the continued exposure of residential building foundations and underground utilities, replace essential habitat, and restore the recreational use of the area providing additional tourism revenue. These benefits can be measured by post-storm damage assessments, historical erosion records, tourism revenue and job growth statistics.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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