



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2473

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In June 2022 the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners approved the acquisition of approximately 31 acres of property located on the San Sebastian River with deep water access for a public boat ramp and passive park. This project will master plan, design and engineer a park and boat ramp along the San Sebastian River connecting to a Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Priority Paddling Trail. The project will assist in meeting the objectives of Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as approved by the Governor.

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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	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 2024-2025	3,000,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

7/1/2026

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	The planning, design, and engineering of a waterfront park and, if applicable, purchase of right-of-way and/or additional parcels to complete the design.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The project goals include the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles through outdoor activity, fostering opportunity for economic growth and meeting the stated priorities of Florida's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Specifically, the project fulfills all four priorities of the 2019 SCORP: 1) health and wellbeing; 2) public access, accessibility and connectivity; 3) economic opportunities and ecotourism; and 4) resource management and stewardship.

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

The project will result in the final design of a waterfront park that upholds the interests of the community and meets Florida's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The design will also support a connection to the Florida Greenways and Trails System Designated Paddling Trail.

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

The project will finalize the design of a waterfront park and boat ramp which will provide increased recreational opportunities for both visitors and residents. In addition to recreation opportunities, the park will provide a direct economic benefit to the community. Per a 2017 statewide study commissioned by Florida Department of Environmental Protection, boating and other saltwater activities are ranked in the top 5 of all outdoor activities in visitor and resident spending in St. Johns County.

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

This project will benefit not only the residents of St. Johns County (population 306,841), residents from surrounding counties, and the 7 million tourists who visit St. Augustine each year.

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

The project provides an additional outdoor recreational opportunity for residents and visitors to St. Johns County which encourages physical activity and is measured by numbers of patrons utilizing the facility and attending recreation programming at the park. The waterfront park will provide an opportunity for boating access to the many waterfront historical sites in St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city. Fort Matanzas, Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Fort Mose, and the historic city itself are accessible via boat and paddling and will benefit from the additional access. The increased economic activity is measurable through statistics provided by the TDC.

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



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- 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