



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2317

1. **Title of Project:** Port St. Lucie Riverwalk Boardwalk

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Gayle Harrell

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/26/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Funds will be used to assist the City of Port St. Lucie in the construction of approx. 2,200 linear feet of new boardwalk along the north fork of the St. Lucie River, a state designated aquatic preserve and Outstanding Florida Water. When completed, the boardwalk will provide an ADA recreational corridor along the river with additional boat dockage, access to publicly owned waterfront parks, and private commercial centers to promote economic development and recreation.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>200,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	6.16%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	2,645,000	81.51%
Other	400,000	12.33%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>3,245,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2016-17		250,000	2216	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$200,000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funding will be for the construction of approximately 2,200 linear feet of boardwalk along the north fork of the St. Lucie River including lighting, fishing platforms, and a floating boat dock.	200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>200,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The project will increase public access to the river through the construction of an ADA compliant boardwalk for recreation, additional boat docking areas, fishing platforms, and provide boardwalk connections adjacent to privately owned commercial properties to support waterfront restaurants and encourage private investment in adjacent commercial areas.

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

The direct economic impact of this project will be in the form of increased shopping and dining in the area based on increased visitors. A future capital improvement project will connect these two areas through the southern extension of the riverwalk boardwalk. This would create a beautiful cultural amenity in the heart of the city and provide a sense of place by adding a historically significant element to the city.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

The conceptual plan includes a recreational component to tie into the botanical gardens and conservation tract, including a kayak launch, playground, and picnic areas. Additionally, this park is south of a larger linear park along the river that includes a boardwalk and boat ramp

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

The target population is all residents that do not have access to the river. This is primarily low-moderate income (LMI) residents. 25,000-30,000 estimated individuals based on City of Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens annual visitors.

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



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The project will provide educational opportunities for school field trips. The early ranching and agriculture homestead will provide a variety of opportunities, including heritage days, historic village, etc. Future use as a museum for permanent and traveling exhibits will also provide educational opportunities. The volunteer staff at the City of Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens record the number of daily visitors and the purpose of the visit. This information is used by the city's Park and Recreation Department to track attendance at both public and private events.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

The City of Port St Lucie will be the owner and operator of the Riverwalk Boardwalk. Parking, use of the boardwalk, fishing platforms, and day time boat slips will be available to the public free of charge on a first come first served basis.

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- a. **Organization:** City of Port St. Lucie
- b. **County:** Saint Lucie
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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