



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2081

1. **Project Title** Panama City Watson Bayou Dredging2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer3. **Date of Request** 12/30/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Dredging at the mouth of Watson Bayou to support launching, outfitting berth, and deepwater access for United States Coast Guard cutter manufacturing contract and the Panama City Industrial Complex. The Watson Bayou side of the industrial complex is adjacent to WestRock Papermill, Panama City Port - Eastern Terminal, and Eastern Shipbuilding Group. This dredging project connects adjacent deeper water channels which enables United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters to traverse between the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama City Industrial Complex on Watson Bayou.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of TransportationState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4500000	69.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,000,000	31 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	6,500,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	00	2,000,000	1989A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Other Salary and Benefits		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Includes all costs associated with dredging at the mouth of Watson Bayou to support launching, outfitting berth and deepwater access for United States Coast Guard Cutter manufacturing contract and the Panama City Industrial Complex.	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The project will increase and improve economic activity, create specific immediate job opportunities, and improve transportation conditions by dredging of the turning basin and outfitting berthing spaces in Watson Bayou and the Panama City Industrial Complex.

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

Watson Bayou entrance dredging will enable governmental, industrial, and commercial water dependent activities. United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters will transport from the Panama City Industrial Complex through the Watson Bayou entrance/exit to/from St Andrew Bay, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Gulf of Mexico.

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

The University of West Florida Haas Center conducted a financial impact analysis of the work to be performed and concluded that 900 direct jobs and between 3,500-5,000 indirect jobs will be created for up to 20 years of the performance of the manufacturing contract. The direct jobs exceed the average local wage scale in addition to various employment benefits.

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

The citizens of Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, and Walton Counties are the primary counties in which targeted direct-hire employees live. The US Coast Guard vessels will serve as coastal national security assets for the Department of Homeland Security.

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

The measured outcome includes the deepening to 20' the Watson Bayou channel and turning basin in support of the movements of the 300'+ length United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter. All improvements will be conducted in the state's sovereign submerged lands.

- 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?

The county is willing to impose construction performance bond requirements.



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12. **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.**

The dredging project will be conducted in sovereign submerged lands of Watson Bayou.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.