



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1153

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks is a world famous tourist destination. In addition to tourism, the Sponge Docks is a working waterfront supporting recreational and commercial tours and fishing including sponge diving, shrimp harvesting, and much more. The impact of the marine industry to Tarpon Springs and Pinellas County was quantified in a third-party economic impact study. The goal of this project is to reduce flooding on the Sponge Docks with a major stormwater infrastructure upgrade which will also help to combat the effects of sea level rise.

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

**State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,738,390
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,738,390</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,738,390	85%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	306,775	15%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>2,045,165</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will support construction of major stormwater infrastructure such as pipe installation and a stormwater pumping system.	1,738,390
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,738,390</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The funds will be used to construct drainage upgrades on the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks. Specifically, the project will include stormwater pipe upgrades and a new stormwater pumping vault to help combat flooding and the effects of sea level rise.

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

Construction activities would be contracted by the City of Tarpon Springs and managed by the City of Tarpon Springs Project Administration Department.

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

Services provided by this project would be considered indirect.

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

Businesses, tourists, and other visitors to the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks would have better and safer access to businesses and attractions at the Sponge Docks.

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

The expected benefit will be the ability to road access to homes and businesses and protect homes and businesses from flooding as well as maintaining tourist access to local attractions. The outcome can be measured by reduced roadway closure frequencies and reduced or eliminated road and building flooding 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 the contract?**



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Complete or partial repayment of funds

- 13. 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 owner of the facility and the entity are the same (The City of Tarpon Springs).



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

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

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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



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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.**

**17. 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

**18. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**19. What is the status of construction?**

Project design has not started.

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

0%

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

06/30/2022