



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1796

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Planning, engineering, design, and construction for the entrance to The Bluffs industrial corridor and transportation upgrades at the multi-leg intersection of New Chemstrand Road, Old Chemstrand Road, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority's entrance drive, and Ascend Performance Materials entrance drive(s). Project supports the active economic development program for The Bluffs, including over 100 logistics and manufacturing jobs. The current active projects are: Project Astro, Project Coral, Project Emerald, and Project Flow.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	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 2021-2022	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	750,000	1958A	Yes

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.

Federal funds could be used in lieu of state funds for the project. The timing and uncertainty of any federal funds makes it challenging to meet the current needs of the private sector companies that are dependent on the infrastructure improvements proposed.

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



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No

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
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	Planning, engineering, design, and construction for the entrance of The Bluffs industrial corridor and transportation upgrades at the multi-leg intersection of Chemstrand Road, Old Chemstrand Road, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority's entrance drive, and Ascend Performance Materials entrance drive(s) to the plant and to the land adjacent to the properties.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The current intersection configuration does not have adequate capacity to support The Bluffs master plan development. Access to The Bluffs industrial corridor and transportation upgrades for the multi-leg intersection of Chemstrand Road, Old Chemstrand Road, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority's entrance drive, and Ascend Performance Materials entrance drive(s) will be achieved with these funds. The facilities included with this request will support current, active economic development opportunities, including over 100 new jobs.

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

Planning, engineering, design, and construction.

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

The Bluffs is a 6,400 acre industrial cluster on the lower Escambia River in Escambia County, FL. Over the past several years, DEO/FDOT have been investing in the development of competitive sites for advanced manufacturing and economic diversification. This initiative is part of the goals and objectives outlined in the "Florida Trade and Logistics Study 2.0," prepared by FDOT and the Florida Chamber of Commerce. The citizens stand to benefit from the development of this site through the associated jobs, economic diversification, and economic growth.

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

The Bluffs industrial development will impact working-age adults and their families in the Florida panhandle. Economic studies have predicted an impact of about 4,300 direct jobs during the first phase of development. The development will support 11,000 direct and indirect jobs with aggregate wages of \$7 billion.



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

As a large-scale industrial cluster, The Bluffs has been evaluated for economic return and/or impact by a number of experts and interest groups. The 25-year program is expected to generate approximately 11,000 direct and indirect jobs and a payroll of nearly \$7 billion. As the competitive advanced manufacturing sites are developed and marketed, progress towards the programmatic goal will be reported to the various project stakeholders and responsible agencies annually.

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?

Withholding 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.

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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) Legislatively created Economic Development Organization

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