



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1932

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Kings Bay Riverwalk is a near 1-mile meandering paved trail, over and near the water, that showcases Crystal River's natural beauty while protecting the state's \$25 million investment in restoring the bay. Once this final 25% is constructed, all Florida residents and nearly 350,000 documented tourists can utilize the Riverwalk to view the bay's offerings, including the abundant West Indian manatees, recently restored seagrasses, numerous restaurants, and shops that will be interconnected.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,700,000	20%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,370,000	63%
Other	500,000	6%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	8,570,000	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.

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	Once completed, the total investment in the Kings Bay Riverwalk will be \$8,570,000. The State of Florida is requested to fund 12% of the total project. The \$1,000,000 requested will pay for construction and construction-related activities. This is the last remaining piece of the financial puzzle. The remaining 88% is either spent or committed.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Kings Bay Riverwalk is a near 1-mile meandering paved trail, over and near the water, that showcases Crystal River's natural beauty while protecting the state's \$25 million investment in restoring the bay. Once this final 25% is constructed, all Florida residents and nearly 350,000 documented tourists can utilize the Riverwalk to view the bay's offerings, including the abundant West Indian manatees, recently restored seagrasses, numerous restaurants, and shops that will be interconnected.

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

Provision of a paved trail for residents and visitors, providing an opportunity to get outside and for local businesses to benefit from the increased visitors. The trail also serves as a location for an educational opportunity for schoolchildren, including those participating in the Marine Science Station and Environmental Science Academy.

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

Provision of a paved trail for the benefits of residents, visitors, schoolchildren, and local businesses.

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

Statewide

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 Riverwalk will provide the public an opportunity to get outside, while remaining socially distanced, and enjoy nature. This can be measured by the number of people that utilize the Riverwalk and the economic impact to the local economy. Crystal River is one of the few remaining working waterfronts in the state. Both of the businesses that rely on our waters for fishing will be showcased as they have both signed agreements for the Riverwalk to traverse their properties. This can be measured by the number of people that utilize the Riverwalk and the economic impact to the local economy. Crystal River is a natural wonder and often visited by school children as part of the Marine Science Station and Environmental Science Academy. The Riverwalk will provide for additional educational opportunities to view and study a natural freshwater ecosystem, including manatees, dolphins, birds, and fish. This can be measured by the number of schoolchildren utilizing the Riverwalk.

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?

It is anticipated that, if awarded, this would result in a reimbursable contract arrangement. Payment would not be made to the city until the work is complete to the satisfaction of the state agency. The construction of Riverwalk will span several fiscal years. Any requirements to expend the funds will need to coincide with the multi-year construction.

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 City of Crystal River is owner of the Riverwalk.



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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