



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2087

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

4. Project/Program Description

The request is to combine remaining funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 previously appropriated in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with remaining funds in the amount of \$3,250,000 previously appropriated in FY 2020-2021 for the Watson Bayou project for the Bay County Board of County Commissioners. No new funds are requested. By combining the remaining funds from the previous projects, the recipient can save significant funds by having a single mobilization and demobilization of dredging equipment, vessels, and excavation equipment needed to complete the construction and dredging in all parts of the Watson Bayou as previously approved and funded.

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 | 5,750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 5,750,000 |

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) | 5,750,000 | 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 | 5,750,000 | 100% |

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

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2020-21 | 0 | 5,750,000 | 2387 | No |

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.**
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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 | Construction, dredging, and spoil disposal. Watson Bayou improvements will enable governmental, industrial and commercial water dependent activities. The request is to carry forward previously appropriated funds from prior fiscal years to enable single mobilization of all equipment needed to complete the previously approved project. No new funds are requested. | 5,750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 5,750,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

The request seeks to combine remaining funds resulting from costs savings of previously legislatively appropriated projects in this same water basin by the same recipient (Bay County Board of County Commissioners). There are no new funds included in this request. By combining the remaining funds from the previous projects, the recipient can save significant funds by having a single mobilization and demobilization of dredging equipment, vessels, and excavation equipment needed to complete the construction and dredging in the Watson Bayou basin. The project will increase and improve economic activity, create immediate job opportunities, and improve transportation conditions by expanding capabilities of the Watson Bayou basin to accommodate the construction, launching, outfitting, and sea trials of the United States Coast Guard Cutters which are under construction in the basin.

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

Construction, dredging, and spoil disposal. Watson Bayou improvements will enable governmental, industrial, and commercial water dependent activities. The United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutters will transport from the Panama City Industrial Complex through Watson Bayou to/from St Andrews Bay, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Gulf of Mexico.

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

Will provide for additional jobs and stimulate economic activity in an industrial sector that typically generates indirect jobs in support of the long-term direct jobs which are created and maintained. 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 3,500-500 indirect jobs will be created for up to 20 years of the performance of the manufacturing contract. Legislative assistance supports improved competitiveness of the USCG contract when it is advertised for re-compete from shipyards across the country.



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

The State of Florida in general and the multi-county population whose employees commute daily to the shipyard in Panama City and Bay County. Maintaining and creating hundreds of direct and indirect jobs in the multi-county region which support these manufacturing projects will be served. The citizens of Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, and Walton counties are the primary counties in which targeted direct-hire employees live.

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

Regional job creation and economic activity. The measured outcome includes deepening the Watson Bayou basin in support of movements of the 300+ foot length of the United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter.

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?

The county is willing to impose construction performance bond requirements.

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.

Improvements are in the sovereign submerged lands of the State of Florida and the adjacent shoreline owned by Eastern Shipbuilding Group, some of which is subject to a long-term lease with the City of Panama City.



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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