



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1604

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Fernandina Beach "Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern-most Barrier Island Coastline" project will construct 5 new beach Walkovers at City Beach Access Points that now have Walkthroughs (i.e. Pedestrian walking trails which cut through protective beach dune systems) and also place sand fences, pedestrian control lanes, sea oats, and educational signage in areas adjacent to the new Walkovers to increase protective dune accumulations. This project will help restore and stabilize degraded dune areas of significant environmental value and restore the protective resiliency of the Fernandina Beach dunes against sea water encroachment related to Hurricanes and Sea Level Rise. Construction of the new Walkovers will, additionally, protect the dunes from the inevitable increased access to and use of Fernandina Beach beaches due to Nassau County's extreme population growth and Amelia Island's ever-increasing tourism levels.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>500,000</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.



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

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Of CARES Act funding of \$743,082 awarded to Nassau County and passed through to City, or awarded directly to City, funds were directed to local non-profits, first-responder overtime, Covid-related supplies, Airport covid-related expenses, and emergency paid sick leave for those stricken with Covid. The City will receive \$6,595,742 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, of which approx. \$3,000,000 has been received. but not expended. ARPA funding can't be used for this Resiliency project.

#### 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	On Fernandina Beach's 5.6 miles of Atlantic Ocean Beaches, the City has 57 beach accesses, of which 33 have walkovers (elevated walkways that extend over the dunes and 20 are walkthroughs. This project will design and construct 5 beach walkovers to replace beach walkthroughs at access points closest to the Atlantic which are most vulnerable to serving as conduits for flooding into the City.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

To construct 5 new beach walkovers to increase dune protection and dune growth, which in turn protects lives and property. More specifically, to prepare for increased flooding due to sea level rise on Amelia Island along Florida's Northern-most Atlantic Ocean beaches by providing elevated beach access structures to reduce walking trails being cut through Fernandina Beach's dunes, a need exacerbated by a remarkable population growth in Nassau County and increased tourism on Amelia Island.

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

The service provided by the Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern-most Barrier Island Coastline program will be to provide improved (for people and for the dunes) access to Fernandina Beach beaches.

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

No direct services.

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



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Amelia Island is 13 miles long and about 4 miles wide at its widest point. Its east coast fronts the Atlantic Ocean; A few miles away, its west coast fronts the Amelia River. Excluding its two state parks, Fernandina Beach has approximately 5.6 miles of Amelia Island's 11 miles of pristine beaches with hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

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

The outcome of the Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern-most Barrier Island Coastline will be the design, permitting and construction of five new Beach Walkovers at Beach Access points most at risk to Atlantic Ocean flooding. Methodology to ensure this outcome will be that the work will be completed under the supervision of the City of Fernandina Beach Civil Engineer and require Engineering certificates of completion,

**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 standard penalties seem pretty adequate, in that the State will not (and should not) reimburse if performance measures are not met.

**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.**

All construction for this Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern-most Barrier Island Coastline project will take place on City-owned property or City-owned Rights of Way.



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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?**

Construction has not commenced, and will not, prior to a State award.

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

0

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

04/30/2024