



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2290

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project involve demolition and replacement of an old concrete highway bridge, which is functioning as a public pier, with a new wooden fishing pier. The Manatee River is a major tributary to Tampa Bay and located between the cities of Palmetto and Bradenton. The pier is a popular local fishing amenity and important to the tourist economy of the area. The old concrete structure is no longer sound and the bridge needs to be decommissioned and demolished by 2022. Full replacement is slated to be completed in 2025. Bridge demolition debris will be utilized to enhance a fully permitted artificial fishing reef site located 16 miles from the bridge.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	3,100,000	52%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	6,000,000	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.

Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four primary groups in the community including residents, business owners, nonprofits, local government partner agencies, and community partners.

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 and Conceptual Design, Engineering and permitting.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

12. Program Performance

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

Planning, design, engineering and permitting for the replacement of an old concrete highway bridge, which is functioning as a public pier, with a new wooden fishing pier. The old concrete structure is no longer sound and in 1986 it was recommended that the bridge be decommissioned and demolished within 25 years or by 2011. Bridge demolition debris will be utilized to enhance a fully permitted artificial fishing reef site located 16 miles from the bridge.

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

Planning and design, engineering and permitting for the replacement of a fishing pier in Manatee County.

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

Recreational opportunities for local citizens and the direct benefit from increased tourism tax dollars coming to small business charter boat fishing captains and recreational dive boats.

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

General citizenry, recreational fishers, attendees of fishing festivals with estimated attendance of 5,000 - 10,000 per year.

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 project will contribute to improved fishing and recreational opportunities, sales tax and tourism revenue in an urbanized area and is expected to have a positive economic impact on Manatee County measured in terms of increased tourist revenue. It is expected that quantitative success criteria will be developed for recreational amenities and public recreational use statistics. Manatee County will create a detailed monitoring program that will address data collection and assessment methodologies. The County is committed to conducting monitoring to quantify benefits.

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 funding.

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.

Manatee County owns the derelict bridge and will be the receipt of the fixed capital outlay (fishing pier) funded by this request.



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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