



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2446

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Fernandina Beach is a 200-year old city located on Amelia Island between the Atlantic Ocean and the Amelia River. The Fernandina Beach "Dune Walkovers to Strengthen the Resiliency of Amelia Island" 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 and tourism growth.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	64%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	284,250	36%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	784,250	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.



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

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

\$6,595,742 which was allocated to City police and fire department first responders' salaries and benefits, as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act Agreement Final Rule stipulations. An additional \$2,067,172 used for three Water projects (Area 5 Storm water, Water Projects on Broome Street and Wastewater Infrastructure at Citrona Drive and Amelia Road.)

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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 fixed capital outlay funding will be for construction on land and Right of Ways owned by the City of Fernandina Beach.

13. 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	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 (pedestrian trails that cut through the dunes). 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
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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14. 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 "Dune Walkovers to Strengthen the Resiliency of Amelia Island" project will be to provide improved (for people and for the dunes) access to Fernandina Beach beaches. Beach walkovers, an amenity that in addition to allowing protective beach dunes to accumulate, provides residents with an easy means to transport beach paraphernalia such as coolers and umbrellas to the beach and access all areas of beaches.

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

In 2019, there was a U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Amelia Island Dune Study. In 2020, the Fernandina Beach City Manager advertised for volunteers to serve on an independent Fernandina Beach Beach Access Committee (BAC), which met weekly for six months, culminating in an April 2021 report which recommended the installation of certain beach walkovers based on resiliency factors and public usage. The funding requested herein will be utilized to construct beach walkovers as recommended by the USACE and the Fernandina Beach Beach Access Committee.

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

Tourists and Residents: 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 "Dune Walkovers to Strengthen the Resiliency of Amelia Island" project 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 will require Engineering certificates of completion of all project work.

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.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number