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The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3342

. Project Title	Palm Beach Shores - Lake Worth Inlet, Singer Island Channel Dredging Project
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2. Senate Sponsor Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Request 01/09/2024

4. Project/Program Description

Dredging to restore the channel and shoal to historic boundaries, allowing for navigation and better boat traffic flow.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	21%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	166,000	4%
Other	3,500,000	75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,666,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	1705A	Yes	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No

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?

No

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



Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

O Planning O Design O Construction O 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.

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	Sand Dredging	1,000,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 1,00		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Singer Island Channel allows for navigation from the Inlet to the area to the north and over the years the Channel began a shoaling process. That shoaling has now increased to the point that impedes navigation and creates a safety hazard. On weekends and holidays boats beach on the shoal, which has accreted to the east impeding the navigational channel, making a dangerous and unsafe condition. The sand is now blocking Palm Beach Shores storm water outfall pipes.

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

Dredging of the channel to create a safe environment.

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



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Allows access to the inlet without the need of transiting the Port of Palm Beach safety zones and waterway used by Riviera Beach Working Waterfront businesses. Will prevent boating accidents, reduced stress and workload on police, security and first responder organizations while reducing boater stress. Allows residents to use the shoal for recreational purposes.

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

The boating community of the greater Palm Beach County, recreational boating community, commercial boating, boating businesses, working waterfront, boating population of Northern Palm Beach County. Conservatively, over 100,000 individuals will be served.

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

Recreational boating will be safer with less accidents. The Palm Beach County Sherrif's office will keep statistics.

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?

There is no penalty for not completing the project. However, if the project is not done the shoaling will continue and become increasingly dangerous to boaters and those beached on the shoal. There will be a negative impact on marine activity in northern Palm Beach County and three marinas along the channel. Also, if not dredged the storm water outflow pipes in Palm Beach Shores will increasingly be occluded by accreting sand. The 3.5 million is a local grant which expires September 2023.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information			
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b. Municipality and	b. Municipality and County Palm Beach		
c. Organization Ty	be		
□For Profit Entity			
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(3)		
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)		
☑Local Entity	☑Local Entity		
□University or College			
□Other (please specify)			
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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- □ Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☑ Other (please specify) Florida Inland Navigation District \$3.5 million
- D N/A

19. 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

20. What is the status of construction?

Ready

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/14/2025