



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2495

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Current facility has not been remodeled since the 1990's and suffered damage during hurricanes Idalia and Helene. The proposed upgrades include newly paved roads, the addition of 10-12 new RV sites for camping, upgraded electrical infrastructure from 30amp to 50 amp, the addition of an RV dump station, as well as expanded visitor parking. This facility currently hosts 15,000 or more visitors annually from all over the country.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	987,235
Total State Funds Requested	987,235

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	987,235	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 2025-2026	987,235	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

County funds will be sufficient for continuing maintenance and operation of the facility.

11. 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.

Hamilton County.

12. 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		
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	Requesting funds for construction of the park improvements (parking, campsites, upgraded electrical and sewer, etc.)	987,235
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		987,235

13. Program Performance

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

This request will be for new roadways, additional electrical and sanitation infrastructure, as well as expanded RV camp site and vehicle parking for the existing park facility. It will also assist in repair damage from hurricanes Idalia and Helene and create a sanitary dump station for recreational vehicles. On- site retention ponds will also be expanded. All design and permitting for this project are complete.

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

There will be newly paved roadways and parking areas, increased capacity for recreational vehicle camping, upgrades to infrastructure and sanitation facilities. Also, these upgrades will repair the damage done by hurricanes Idalia and Helene.



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

The new construction will provide 10-12 new RV campsites, many new parking spaces for visitors and boaters, increased electrical and sanitation capacities, as well as a dump station for recreational vehicles.

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

Local population will be served in addition to all out-of-county and out-of-state visitors to the park. Park hosts 15,000 or more visitors annually.

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

Facility will provide increased capacity for recreational vehicle camping, increased boating access, updated ADA compliant restroom facilities and updated infrastructural elements to modernize the facility. Benefits to this project will be measured through increased bookings at the campsites, as well as increased boating and tourism income throughout Hamilton County measured through an increase in website traffic and visitors to the location

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 in the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

Florida Boating Improvement Program, Florida Wildlife Commission

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number



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