



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1081

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Improving accessible beach infrastructure at this location will ensure that all seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and families with mobility needs can fully experience the natural beauty and recreational opportunities our coastline offers. Beaches are the number one tourist destination in Palm Beach County and ensuring they are fully accessible is a priority identified in our county-wide needs assessment. Serving both citizens and visitors of Palm Beach County since 1988, Ocean Inlet Park is a vital hub of recreation and aquatic activity. This project will provide accessibility from the parking located on the west of A1A through a redesigned, improved and safer pedestrian beach access point for the park on the east side of A1A.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	125,000
Total State Funds Requested	125,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	125,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	125,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	250,000	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2028

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

County department operating funds.

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.

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department.

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	Planning and design consultant services for construction of fully accessible and safe pedestrian beach crossover at Ocean Inlet Park.	125,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		125,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funding will assist with the planning and design of a fully accessible pedestrian beach crossover at Ocean Inlet Park which will attract citizens and visitors of all abilities to this beach. At completion, the much needed public beach access is expected to provide an excellent opportunity for the public to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of being outdoors and that visiting this beach park provides. Beaches are an economic driver in Florida and making this beach more accessible through this project will benefit our local economy.



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

Planning, design and permitting consultant services will be provided through this funding to meet the intended purpose of these funds. This is a critical step in the planning, design and construction process.

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

The appropriation project will provide for a fully accessible pedestrian beach crossover at Ocean Inlet Park which will serve citizens and visitors of all abilities. This was a high need identified by our community during our parks master planning process. The central location in Palm Beach County is beneficial in many ways for this area of the County to realize economic benefit through visitor spending.

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

Two distinct populations will be served by the project: 1) The general public with and without accessibility needs, strollers, and mobility devices visiting the beach 2) Tourists with and without accessibility needs, strollers, and mobility devices visiting the beach. Over 350,000 beach goers are expected to utilize the accessible beach crossover annually upon completion.

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

The expected outcome of this construction project is improving accessibility and visitation to this outdoor recreation site; improved visitor satisfaction and improved pedestrian safety. This will be measured throughout Placer.ai visitation measurement data collection tool, feedback received by our staff, and evaluation of pedestrian incident report frequency.

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?

Unused funds will be returned to the state.

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#:



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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
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

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

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



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