



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1139

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project constructs a critical public access route to Key Biscayne's beachfront, serving residents and visitors while protecting the island's vulnerable dune system and endangered sea turtle nesting habitat. By guiding foot traffic along a controlled path, it prevents ecological damage and meets a mandatory requirement for the Village to rejoin the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Program—unlocking access to substantial federal coastal protection resources. The pathway also enhances public safety through a secure gated entry with after-hours locking and integrated camera surveillance, supporting emergency response and reducing liability risks.

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	175,000
Total State Funds Requested	175,000

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)	175,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	175,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	350,000	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?

7/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2027

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

The Village of Key Biscayne Public Works Department operating budget funds all maintenance for the beach access path.

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.

Village of Key Biscayne would receive the funding. The Village owns a public access easement on the property and has the right to improve and maintain the path within the easement.

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	Construction and related tasks for the beach access path improvements.	175,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		175,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will be used to construct a designated public access pathway to Key Biscayne's beachfront that protects sensitive dune ecosystems and endangered sea turtle nesting habitats while ensuring safe, controlled access for residents and visitors. The project also fulfills a mandatory requirement for the Village to rejoin the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Program, restoring eligibility for significant federal coastal protection funding.

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

The project includes the construction of a secure, environmentally sensitive access path designed to channel pedestrian traffic and prevent ecological damage to the dune system. It also provides for installation of a gated entry with after-hours locking and integrated surveillance cameras, improving both public safety and resource protection.

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

Residents and visitors will benefit from a safe, accessible route to the beachfront that balances public use with environmental conservation. The project also enhances safety through controlled access, supports emergency response capabilities, and safeguards public spaces from after-hours incidents and liability risks.

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

The project serves the entire Key Biscayne community as well as visitors to the island's beachfront. While no specific number of individuals is provided, all residents and guests who access the beach will directly benefit from improved safety, accessibility, and environmental protection.

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

The project is expected to result in a completed, environmentally compliant public access path that meets federal program requirements, protects the dune and sea turtle nesting habitats, and enhances safety for beachgoers. Outcomes will be measured by successful construction of the access route, compliance with environmental protection standards, requalification for participation in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers program and observed reduction in habitat degradation or after-hours incidents.

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?

Withholding of payment or return of funding.

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



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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
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

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

Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- ☐ Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- ☐ Resilient Florida Grant Program
- ☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- ☒ N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?



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Currently in the design phase

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/1/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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

23. 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.

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

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

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