



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1401

1. Project Title Bal Harbour Waterfront Overlook Platforms & Beach Access Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor Shevrin Jones

3. Date of Request 11/20/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The Project will enhance the Bal Harbour south inlet waterfront corridor, a critical public access route adjacent to Baker's Haulover Inlet. The improvements will address documented safety concerns along a narrow and heavily used shoreline path that lacks adequate railings, controlled access points, and emergency response features. The scope includes new over-water lookout platforms to reduce crowding, steps to provide safe and stable access to the water's edge for first responders, shade structures to protect pedestrians from heat stress, and pedestrian railings to prevent falls. These upgrades will reduce risk of injury, improve storm surge and emergency response conditions, and ensure safe year-round use for residents, visitors, and public safety personnel.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance are funded through the Village's general fund.

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.

The improvements will be carried out by the Village and will take place within the boundaries of Bal Harbour Village.

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	Funds will be used to cover consultant fees for construction administration services, contractor costs for construction of over-water lookout platforms, shade canopies, pedestrian railings, steps, and site furnishings, and related costs including safety lighting, signage, and coordination with shoreline infrastructure and permitting requirements.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested will enhance public safety along the Bal Harbour waterfront by constructing designated overlooks, shade structures, and pedestrian railings that prevent falls, reduce crowding, and provide controlled access to the shoreline. These improvements will create a safer environment for residents, visitors, and first responders year-round.

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

Activities and services will include construction administration, installation of over-water lookout platforms, pedestrian railings, shade canopies, steps to the water's edge, and placement of site furnishings, lighting, and signage, all coordinated to improve safety, comfort, and guided public access along the waterfront corridor.

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

The project will provide citizens with direct services including safe and continuous public walking access along the waterfront, shaded rest areas and overlooks for comfort, safe vantage points and steps for interaction with the water's edge, and improved safety through railings, lighting, and wayfinding signage.

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

The project will serve residents, visitors, and first responders by improving safety along a high-traffic public waterfront corridor. The area is one of Bal Harbour's most visited locations and attracts a significant number of tourists each year. More than 3,000 individuals are expected to benefit from these improvements annually.

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 the project is improved safe and enjoyable public access to Bal Harbour's waterfront, with enhanced comfort, designated overlooks, and guided pedestrian circulation that reduces unsafe off-path use and protects the shoreline. Success will be measured by completion of the constructed improvements within scope and budget, compliance with permitting and safety standards, and observable increases in safe public use as documented through site inspections, maintenance records, and visitor feedback.

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?

In the event that Bal Harbour Village fails to meet specified deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract for administering appropriated funds, clear penalties should be incorporated into the contract's terms. These penalties may include financial reimbursement, Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs), escalation mechanisms, a dispute resolution process, and transparent reporting.

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



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☐ 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

☐ 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)

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☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern

☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

☒ N/A



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19. What is the status of construction?

Contractor selected, pending start once USACE finishes a current project in the area.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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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