



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1837

1. Project Title Islamorada, Village of Islands, U.S. Highway 1 Breakwater Project at Sea Oats Beach

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 12/4/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This project involves the completion of pre-construction activities including the design, final engineering, and permitting for an erosion control project to protect the only reach of US Highway 1, a critical evacuation route, that washed away in 2017 during Hurricane Irma. Included in this design and engineering phase is wave attenuation and sediment transport modeling. This project builds upon the successful deployment of the same wave attenuation and erosion control technology deployed by the Florida DOT on the Sunshine State Highway in central Florida. A feasibility study has already been performed for the project.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	74%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	105,000	26%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	405,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Potentially Resilient Florida grant funding or Capital Project Funds which the primary revenue source is Local Government Discretionary Sales Surtax for Infrastructure.



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2028

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2029

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

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.

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	100% of the funds would be used for pre-construction activities including surveys, conceptual design, pre-application meetings, public outreach, design, permitting, and wave attenuation modeling.	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal achieved through the funds requested will be completion of pre-construction activities to bring this project to shovel ready. The ultimate goal of the construction project is to provide erosion control to safeguard against storm surges and sea level rise.

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



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Bathymetric and environmental surveys, conceptual design, pre-application meetings, public outreach efforts, design, permitting, and wave attenuation modeling services.

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

The protection of the only evacuation route in the Florida Keys, US Highway 1 from impacts associated with storms and increasing high tides.

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

Any travelers to the Florida Keys and the residents of the Village of Islamorada (est 7,000), as well as residents of the Florida Keys living south of Islamorada (est 62,000) which use this route as their primary evacuation route during extreme weather events.

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

In addition to the transportation infrastructure protection, as was the case on the DOT's Sunshine State Highway Project, the deployment of wave attenuation devices at this location will increase the abundance of submerged and emergent aquatic vegetation, biologic growth on the breakwater structures, and result in the accretion of sediment to build the coastline providing additional buffering to the coastline and road. The breakwater and entire project footprint would be monitored by consultants on a bimonthly basis for changes in all the specific measurements noted.

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?

Liquidated damages

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

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):

Hurricane Irma

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)?



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☒ 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):

Resilient Florida

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

19. What is the status of construction?

Planning

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2026

22. Requester Contact Information



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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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