



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1841

1. Project Title Miami-Dade County Inland Port Intermodal Logistics Center Off-Dock Intermodal Logistics

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 12/8/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The Inland Port Intermodal Logistics Center in Miami-Dade County will provide an additional land area for PortMiami's island-constrained site and its growing international container movement traffic. Approximately 200 acres will be used for the temporary storage of in-transit cargo. To facilitate further development of the inland port, PortMiami is requesting funding to support the first phase of site development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

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

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.

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)?

No

##### c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Seaport revenues.

#### 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.

Miami-Dade County (PortMiami).

#### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning/Engineering/Mitigation/Construction.	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

The purpose for the Inland Port Intermodal Logistics Center (Project) is to provide an additional land area for PortMiami's island-constrained site to increase the Port's economic competitiveness, bolster workforce development, and increase energy efficiency associated with the movement of cargo. This first phase will include planning, environmental mitigation, initial site development, cargo laydown area, and truck parking.

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

A vital component is the freight rail access and connectivity for the most fuel-efficient way to transport large volumes of cargo, and reduce congestion and idling. Strategically locating one of the inland ports in South Florida, allows reach from Miami to Central Florida, serving a population of 18-million residents and businesses.



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

The Project will be a significant driver of job creation and workforce development. During each construction phase, hundreds of construction-related jobs will be generated, providing opportunities in engineering, construction, and logistics. Beyond the construction phase, there will be ongoing operational jobs in logistics management, equipment maintenance, intermodal operations, and environmental technology. These roles will offer high-skill employment opportunities, contributing to the local economy's vitality. To ensure long-term benefits for the community, the full project will include training programs for the local workforce, fostering a skilled workforce ready to meet future industry demands.

The project promises significant benefits for consumers by improving logistic efficiencies.

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

Strategically locating one of the inland ports in South Florida, allows reach from Miami to Central Florida, serving a population of 18-million residents and businesses. Each phase of the project adds capacity to Florida Ports. Since the first year of development will require significant investments in environmental mitigation and initial site development, an estimated 55,000 TEUs in capacity will be created. The following phases will escalate this capacity to approximately 250,000 TEUs its second year, allowing Florida ports to handle significantly larger container volumes. This directly increases trade revenues and supports the growing community's demands and global shipping lines served.

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

The Project offers substantial economic returns through a combination of operational efficiencies, and increased trade revenues. With the boost in cargo throughput capacity, PortMiami and other ports will be in the position to handle greater container volumes. This expansion directly raises trade revenues and meets the growing demands of global shipping lines. In addition, operational cost reductions are achieved through electrification of cargo handling equipment and integration with intermodal rail systems, cutting reliance on diesel vehicles and reducing fuel costs and emissions. This outcome will be measured by the increased container volumes.

**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?**

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

**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):

#### 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.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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