



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2245

1. **Project Title** Mexico Beach Pier/Land Acquisition2. **Senate Sponsor** George Gainer3. **Date of Request** 01/08/20204. **Project/Program Description**

The City of Mexico Beach was significantly damaged by Hurricane Michael in October 2018. Much of the city's infrastructure was heavily damaged. As the city rebuilds and recovers an important priority for the city's economic recovery is to replace and improve the city pier, which was destroyed during the storm. The local economy has historically been driven by tourism. The funds would be used for purchase of property for economic development by city at the base of the pier.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Economic OpportunityState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	850,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ 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 ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land planning and acquisition.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Purchase of property at the base of the city pier (destroyed by Hurricane Michael) to allow economic redevelopment of the area.

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

The local economy has historically been driven by tourism. Due to Mexico Beach's location and established visitors, the city's economy throughout recovery is anticipated to continue to be tourism-based. However, replacement of the city pier in conjunction with redevelopment of the area around the pier has the potential to diversify the city's economy. Therefore, the city's vision for replacement of the pier includes not only the pier but also redevelopment to create a commercial district, encourage business development, and improve pedestrian/non-motorized access. Funds will be used to purchase property at the base of the pier in order to construct specific city-owned amenities including bait and tackle shop, a pavilion/restroom, an educational learning center, and a restaurant that will be city-owned but rented to local business.

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

The proposed project includes land acquisition of multiple parcels that are currently for sale at the base of the pier in order to redevelop the area to include the following: 1) a city-owned retail/bait shop to service the city's public fishing pier; 2) educational/informational kiosks and employment of a city parks employee to provide educational sessions/materials to the community, visitors, and local Bay/Gulf County school groups; and 3) a restaurant space. The purpose of the educational center would be to provide information and history of the city's commercial and recreational fishing practices.

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

The target population is a mixture of economically disadvantaged local residents from both Bay and Gulf Counties, visitors to the area (tourism), and school-age (elementary through high school) students to be served by the educational center. Based on the pre-Michael transient population of Mexico Beach, it is expected that during peak season the project will serve up to 8,000 people.

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

1. Economic growth (measured by jobs created) and number of annual visitors to the project.
2. Improved educational growth (measured by number of annual visitors to educational center/kiosks).
3. Enhanced environmental preservation (measured by positive impact to beaches including protection of dunes, removal of personal items/trash from beach).

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?

Withdrawal of funds.



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12. **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.**

City of Mexico Beach.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

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

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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