



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1527

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The funding will provide for the design, engineering and implementation of 140 new moorings close to the densest population center, in compliance with the requirements in new state law (SB 1432, 2022) for Monroe County. These new moorings will accomplish multiple critical objectives.
 New moorings will mitigate the significant environmental impacts associated with illegal, unmanaged anchorages such as extensive damage to the benthic habitat, including seagrass.
 New moorings will provide an additional source of affordable housing since workforce members use vessels an affordable housing alternative.
 Vessels on moorings are more secure and less likely to drift or break anchor endangering themselves and others.
 Vessels on moorings are provided pump out service, and so are more likely to comply with water quality protection regulations.
 Vessels on moorings are less likely to be abandoned or derelict, and so mitigate against the safety hazard and costs of vessel dereliction and removal.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,610,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,610,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,610,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,610,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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Monroe will provide the ongoing costs of management and maintenance.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning Design Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

n/a

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

n/a

12. 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.

Monroe County is the owner of the facility.

13. 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: Other		
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	Design, engineering and implementation of two mooring fields with 140 moorings.	1,610,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,610,000

14. Program Performance

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



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New mooring fields will safeguard fragile resources and public safety, and comply with new state law (SB 1432, 2022) requirements for Monroe County. The new moorings will mitigate the significant environmental impacts associated with illegal anchoring and unmanaged anchorages such as extensive damage to the benthic habitat, including seagrass. The new moorings will also reduce vessel dereliction, ensure compliance with water quality protection regulations, and provide safe, secure harbor for vessels.

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

We will design, engineer and implement 140 new moorings for liveaboard and recreational vessels. The new moorings will reduce environmental impacts and benthic damage of illegal anchoring and vessel dereliction, while improving safety and security for recreational boating and local liveaboard community, compliance with water quality protection regulations and State law. The new moorings will be in managed mooring fields that will provide mobile pump out and shoreside services, provided by Monroe County.

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

With the new moorings, liveaboard and recreational boaters will be provided with safe, secure anchoring. Further, in the Keys, where affordable housing is scarce and much of the workforce is in service sector, liveaboard vessels provide a much needed supply of affordable housing. As such, safe and secure anchorage for our liveaboards is all the more critical.

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

The primary target served by this project are the members of our local workforce who live on their vessels as an affordable alternative for housing. Because our current mooring fields are often fully occupied, there is a significant need to additionally provide safe, secure, environmentally-protective mooring options for these individuals and families. Recreational visiting boaters are a secondary target population. The ultimate goal is to provide safe, secure, and environmentally-protective options for vessel owners.

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

New moorings will replace illegal, destructive anchorages, protecting the benthic environment, including valuable seagrass beds which are foundational to our marine ecosystem. Vessels on moorings are monitored for proper waste disposal protecting water quality. Vessels on moorings are more secure and less likely to drift or break anchor endangering themselves or others. Vessels on moorings are monitored for dereliction conditions, mitigating against the danger of derelict vessels, and the cost of derelict vessel removal. Additional source of affordable housing helps retain workforce members required by local businesses, increasing economic activity. Availability of safe, secure moorings attracts recreational and visiting boaters, increasing tourism.

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 the contract?

Funding award can be premised on completion of project. If project not completed then funding can be reduced or withheld.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization



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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) Local Government

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number