



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2476

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project provides a long-term protective solution to the progressive deterioration of South Ponte Vedra Beach(R-76 to R-102.5), which continues to be eroded by wind, waves, and inundation caused by coastal storms. As a result of the proposed beach nourishment project, an engineered beach with a vegetated dune system will be constructed to protect private property and vulnerable ecosystems, and to sustain recreation and tourism opportunities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	9,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	9,500,000	41%
Matching Funds		
Federal	9,975,000	44%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	3,325,000	15%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	22,800,000	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.

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

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



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\$106 million in COVID-19 direct and indirect funding for: COVID-19 prevention and mitigation; business and non-profit grant programs; affordable housing; rental assistance; public transit; water and sewer infrastructure; public safety first responder efforts.

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
 N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2/28/2025

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.

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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, construction, and inspection of full beach nourishment in the form of an engineered beach with a vegetated dune system.	9,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

This project provides a long-term protective solution to the progressive deterioration of South Ponte Vedra Beach (R-76 to R-102.5), which continues to be eroded by wind, waves, and inundation caused by coastal storms. The proposed beach nourishment project will result in an engineered beach with a vegetated dune system intended to protect private property and vulnerable ecosystems, and to sustain recreation and tourism opportunities.

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



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Environmental assessment, Permitting (State, Federal and Local), Analysis, Design, Engineering, and Construction.

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

The Project will provide continued protection of people, property and infrastructure including the protection of State Road A1A, the only evacuation route for about 6,000 residents on the barrier island. It will also increase tourism providing additional economic benefit to the area.

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

Over 200,000 residents and 7 million visitors.

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

The beach nourishment project will help protect private property, infrastructure, and vulnerable ecosystems from wind and waves produced by coastal storms. The proposed beach restoration will also increase tourism, as well as provide a habitat for plants and animals, especially nesting areas for sea turtles and birds. The success of the project will be measured by property values, tourism revenues, post-storm structural damage / inundation of surface roadways vs. historical records, number of turtle nests vs. historical records, job growth, and business activity in the project area.

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?

If there is a performance deficiency requiring correction by the County, Agency will notify County. County will provide Agency with a corrective action plan describing how County will address performance deficiencies.

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

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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number