



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2449

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Rebuild the bulkhead and docking area at Port Putnam in order to resume importing and exporting commercial cargo which would result in a boost and expansion of local employers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	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 2024-2025	1,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future 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.

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

Yes

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



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\$27,518,886.31. Funds were used to assist government, individuals, non profits and businesses to respond to the pandemic and its immediate effects.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2025

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.

Putnam County Board of County Commissioners.

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, Engineer and construction of new bulkhead and docking area	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance

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

Current docking infrastructure is approaching life expectancy and its water depth is unknown which may not meet cargo vessel demands after the US Army Corps has dredged an access channel and turnaround basin. Replacing these structures will permit resumption of cargo operations at Port Putnam prior to channel dredging operations. This will provide a key transportation tool for multiple business partners in the community.

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



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Resumption of commercial cargo services through Port Putnam and developing Port Putnam into a regional intermodal cargo hub.

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

Shipping of goods in and out of Port Putnam, expansion of affected businesses, creation of new well-paying jobs

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

all of Putnam County and surrounding counties

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

Expansion of operations of businesses utilizing the port for import and/or export purposes will be the method employed to measure the outcome of this project.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information



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