



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2900

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of seawall along sovereign submerged lands to secure United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters for the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to a manufacturing contract which could last up to 20 years.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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?

No

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



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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?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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	Construction of a seawall	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The project will increase and improve economic activity and create specific immediate job opportunities by expanding seawall for outfitting berthing spaces. Includes costs associated with constructing an industrial bulkhead and outfitting basin in Watson Bayou the construction and outfitting of United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters which will be constructed, launched, and sea-trialed from Watson Bayou.

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

Watson Bayou berthing spaces will enable governmental, industrial, and commercial water dependent activities. United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters will be docked at this bulkhead while being outfitted with propulsion, navigation, communication, HVAC, plumbing, electrical systems, etc., prior to delivery to the United States Dept. of Homeland Security.



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

The University of West Florida Haas Center conducted a financial impact analysis of the work to be performed and concluded that 900 direct jobs and between 3,500-5,000 indirect jobs will be created for each of the up to 20 years of the performance of the manufacturing contract. The direct jobs exceed the average local wage scale in addition to various employment benefits.

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

The citizens of Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, and Walton Counties are the primary counties in which targeted direct-hire employees live. The US Coast Guard vessels will serve as coastal national security assets for the Department of Homeland Security.

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

The measured outcome includes the construction of bulkhead and the longterm operation of an outfitting facility. The county's lessee is willing to commit to keeping 900 direct hires which can be validated by reports filed with the State of Florida.

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?

The county is willing to impose construction performance bond requirements.

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



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number