



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2728

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Growing ridership has proven the concept of using free waterways to alleviate traffic, keep less cars from challenging parking availability and improve business economic development. The county is asking for the state's support to establish water transportation as a permanent option for citizens and tourists of Pinellas County. Support for phase II of the permanent project will allow the county to complete the dock infrastructure needed for compliant waterborne transportation.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	82%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	225,000	18%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,225,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	2042A	No

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



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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
 N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/24

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.

Clearwater Ferry Services is the current public/private partner with the cities of Clearwater, Dunedin and Indian Rocks Beach for execution of water transportation.

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	Installing new and replacement of existing outdated docks and landings in Clearwater, Dunedin and Indian Rocks.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

These funds will be used to make the necessary installation of dock and landing infrastructure at the ferry stops.

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



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Providing frequent, safe, and reliable water transportation in Clearwater, Dunedin, and Indian Rocks Beach for the citizens of the community. This funding allows for more safer and ADA compliant landings at each of the ferry stops.

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

Water transportation.

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

Both tourists and residents will be served. Depending on securing additional local funding, the service anticipates being able to serve between 75,000 and 100,000 riders annually.

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

Expected benefits include alleviating parking and traffic congestion, aiding economic activity in the waterfront merchant community by bringing tourists to and from Dunedin, Clearwater Beach, downtown Clearwater, and Indian Rocks Beach, increasing tourism throughout the Pinellas County communities, adding employment opportunities with Clearwater Ferry, and helping to solve staffing challenges for local businesses by providing an alternative option of travel into work. Benefits will be measured by a survey of ridership following each trip.

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?

In the event agreed upon deliverables or performance measures are not met, the associated funding would be returned to the state.

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