



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3705

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The establishment of new mooring fields is a key focus for the Monroe County Commission, evident in its 2024 State Legislative Agenda and Priorities documents. It is equally important to the County's largest municipality and our boating and liveaboard community. Numerous public dialogues have taken place at the Board, municipal, and local levels, including with representatives of the State legislature and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

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	3,900,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,900,000

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)	3,900,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,593,680	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,493,680	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.**

This funding will establish a safe and secure shoreside access site and waste disposal site for a mooring field that will benefit both recreational boaters and the liveaboard community. In the Keys, where affordable housing is scarce and a significant portion of the workforce is employed in the service sector, liveaboard vessels serve as a source of affordable housing.



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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.

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)?

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.

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 construction of Boca Chica Mooring Field facility and associated seawall and dock.	3,900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,900,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Boca Chica shoreside facility is essential for a functional mooring field, offering vital amenities such as shoreside access for mooring field occupants and waste disposal services. This facility will empower Monroe County to establish a well-regulated mooring field in an unmanaged anchorage, effectively addressing the issue of derelict vessels and associated risks. It is also instrumental in upholding water quality protection regulations and improving boater safety and access.

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

The Boca Chica shoreside facility will provide a well-regulated mooring field with essential amenities. This will reduce negative environmental impacts caused by derelict vessels and illegal mooring, while enhancing water quality protection and improving recreational boater safety and access.

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

This funding will establish a safe and secure shoreside access site and waste disposal site for a mooring field that will benefit both recreational boaters and the liveaboard community. In the Keys, where affordable housing is scarce and a significant portion of the workforce is employed in the service sector, liveaboard vessels serve as a source of affordable housing.

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

The General population and Workforce members who rely on vessels as a source of affordable housing.

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

The shoreside facility will provide a location for proper waste disposal. Vessels on moorings are monitored for proper waste disposal, protecting water quality. The shoreside facility will support a new mooring field that will replace illegal, destructive anchoring practices, protecting the benthic environment, including valuable seagrass beds which are foundational to our marine ecosystem.

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

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

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