



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2916

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Mexico Beach (the "City") had a historic, wooden fishing pier which was destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018; the City is currently working with FEMA for funding to replace the pier but they will only replace the length of the original pier (approximately 856 feet). Unfortunately, this length will not extend into sufficiently deep waters for fishing. The City has sought additional funding from multiple sources but has been unsuccessful in this endeavor. An extended fishing pier would be a huge economic boom for not just Mexico Beach but also those communities surrounding us.

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	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	9,500,000	49%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	19,500,000	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?



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

FY24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

FY26

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.

The owner of the fishing pier will be the City of Mexico Beach and, by extension, the citizens of our community.

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/engineering of the fishing pier extension. Engineering, permitting, and construction of approximately 856 feet of the pier will be paid for by FEMA and the City of Mexico Beach; State funds will only be utilized for construction of the additional length needed to get the pier into deeper water. Engineering plans are currently over 95% complete and the project will be advertised for bids in the near future, once these plans are complete.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose and goal of this project will be to satisfy multiple purposes and goals desperately needed by the City of Mexico Beach. First, and most importantly, a fishing pier of appropriate length would be a huge economic draw to our area. Additionally, this fishing pier would provide a location for walking/exercise to improve the health of the community, a location for educational and other special events, recreational activities such as fishing/birdwatching/fishspotting, it would provide a location for the elderly and disabled who can't ride in a boat to enjoy being "on the water", would allow people to fish to become more self-sufficient, and numerous other uses.

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

The City will place educational information at the pier showing native wildlife and vegetation which users may see while on the pier and hold/organize special events on the pier--both solely and in partnership with the City of Mexico Beach Community Development Council. Additionally, the City plans on opening/leasing commercial space adjacent to the pier where people can access information and purchase bait and other items to be utilized on the pier.

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

The only direct service to the citizens of our area by the appropriations will be the construction--which will then allow all the above mentioned activities, services, and goals to be accomplished for the benefit of our citizens and community.

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

The target populations are our full time residents, non-resident property owners, military personnel and their families from Tyndall Air Force Base, tourists, day travelers, and everyone in the surrounding area. This project will serve tens of thousand of people per year initially and we expect that number to increase every year.

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

An increase in tourism and corresponding economic benefit for our local businesses and community (measured by local surveys and economic studies); an increase in health and wellness (measured by local surveys and local health outcome reports); an increase in recreational activity (measured by local surveys).

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?

Repayment of funds, fines, prohibition on requesting future appropriations for a set period of time.

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