



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1532

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Blue Crab Cove Working Waterfront site, acquired by Brevard County in 2009 through the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant program, is the last riverfront commercial fishery operation on the Indian River Lagoon in Brevard County. The site's lessee, Ms. Apples Crab Shack, a wholesale/retail crab & seafood operation has been beaten by storms and time. This project will rebuild Ms. Apples, solidifying commercial seafood industry operations in the community and ensure a lasting economic benefit to the region. Waterfront businesses such as this once defined the region. If these working waterfronts fade away, so do fisherman and the local waterman's culture.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	890,000
Total State Funds Requested	890,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	890,000	73%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	40,000	3%
Other	300,000	24%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,230,000	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.

ARPA: 1st tranche of \$58.5M went to Infrastructure, Revenue Replacement & Vaccine Incentive. 2nd tranche of \$58.5M went to qualified expenditures including Infrastructure, Negative Economic Impacts, Public Health & Revenue Replacement. CARES Act: \$105M for Public Safety Needs & Economic Support; \$20.4M for Transit, Housing, Fire Rescue, Valkaria Airport, & Sheriff's Community Programs; \$32.6M for Emergency Rental Assistance; \$6.6M for HUD Programs, \$4.2M for Housing Programs; \$3M for Transit.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/12/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/12/25

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	The construction scope includes erecting an approximately 3000 sq. ft. building to house a seafood receiving location, a live holding area (tanks), walk-in refrigeration, food preparation and seating areas. This construction project will be put out to bid through the County's procurement process and is expected to create at least 30 temporary jobs across a variety of construction fields.	890,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		890,000

14. Program Performance



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

The Blue Crab Cove Working Waterfront site, acquired by Brevard County in 2009 through the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant program, is the last riverfront commercial fishery operation on the IRL in Brevard. The site's lessee, Ms. Apples Crab Shack, a wholesale/retail crab & seafood operation has been beaten by storms and time. This project will rebuild Ms. Apples, solidifying commercial seafood industry operations in the community to ensure a lasting economic benefit to the region. Waterfront businesses such as this once defined the region. If these working waterfronts fade away, so do fisherman and the local waterman's culture.

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

The project will preserve and improve commercial seafood industry operations in the community and therefore, ensure a sustainable economic benefit to the county and region. Investment in a modernized wholesale seafood distribution business will help the local seafood industry to be resilient and grow jobs within this business sector. This historic waterfront site is the last bastion of what was a thriving riverfront commercial fishing industry.

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

The project will provide for modernized wholesale and retail seafood distribution operation (crab/seafood) which will help the local seafood industry to be resilient and retain and grow jobs within this business sector. FWC lists ±250 commercial saltwater product licenses in Brevard suited to use this site. Recent data lists commercial seafood harvest in Brevard at 2.9M pounds, a value of \$5.7M annually.

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

The Commercial Seafood Industry, Commercial Fisherman (Waterman) & the General Public. FWC lists ±250 commercial saltwater product license holders in Brevard suited to use this site. The general public frequents this location to purchase a variety of locally harvested seafood.

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

The project will preserve/improve commercial seafood industry operations in the community and ensure a sustainable economic benefit to the county and region. Investment in a modernized wholesale seafood distribution business will help the local seafood industry to be resilient and grow jobs within this business sector. The result will be improved wholesale seafood sales in the form of fresh catch from local fisherman off-loaded on-site for sale at the seafood market with a corresponding increase in market patronage and sales volume.

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?

Past performance should be taken into account by bill sponsors. The County understands that it will be under penalty of nonpayment or reimbursement should the projects contractual obligations not be met. Brevard County continues to meet its deliverables.

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



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number