



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2947

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Jackson County is seeking funds to conduct several improvements to Lake Seminole's Howell's Boat Landing. Improvements include the installation of much needed additional parking spaces, a storm water retention pond, floating dock boat slips to accommodate additional boaters, an elevated boardwalk to allow visitors the opportunity to enjoy a scenic overlook of the Lake as well as the construction of covered pavilions, playground, a permanent restroom facility, and installing a sewer line to accommodate the restroom facility. The proposed boat landing improvements will allow for increased boating and fishing activity on the lake and serve to enhance the park as a recreational destination that will increase and support local nature-based tourism business activities in the area.

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	786,150
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>786,150</b>

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)	786,150	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>786,150</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Potentially, DEO Rural Infrastructure Funds or FDEP Boating Improvements Grants

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.**

CARES ACT: Approx. \$7.5 million - allocations to Municipalities @ 25%, Public Safety Employees Reimbursements, PPE, Small Business Grants, IT Remote Equipment, etc.  
 ARPA: Approx \$9 Million - salary expenses, balancing FY21-22 and FY22-23 budget, legal fees, and capital projects.

## 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.**

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### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Installation of additional parking spaces, storm water retention pond, floating dock boat slips (20x10ft), 200ft elevated wooden boardwalk. Construction of covered pavilions (1 at 15ftx15ft and 2 at 10ftx10ft), playground, permanent restroom facility, and extending the sewer line approximately 2,000ft to the site. Any A/E Costs for these facilities will be covered by the County.	786,150
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>786,150</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The goal of this project is to construct several improvements at Lake Seminole's Howell's Boat Landing. These improvements will allow for more visitors to be able to enjoy the landing and provide unfettered and increased access to this unique and pristine water body. The proposed boat landing improvements will allow for increased boating and fishing activity on the lake and serve to enhance the park as a recreational destination that will increase and support local nature-based tourism business activities in the area.

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

Jackson County will coordinate the design and construction of the proposed improvements. Upon completion the County and local City of Sneads will partner in a coordinated marketing campaign for this facility as a prime sports fishing and recreation area within our community.

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

Upon completion, citizen's of Jackson County will have unrestricted access to utilize the facilities in the way in which they were intended. Jackson County will preserve and maintain the boat landing for public use for as long as the facility remains in its care.

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

The project will primarily serve the citizens of Jackson County (est. population 48,000). Additionally, with the improvements the Lake will be able to host larger events potentially attracting clients and visitors from several hundred miles in either direction of the County. The facility is located in close proximity to the interstate between several large communities such as Tallahassee, Panama City, Pensacola, and Dothan, AL.

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

Increased revenue from increased events being able to be held on the Lake. (metric: funds generated). Enriching the cultural experience of the citizens by providing a safe outdoor recreational space for individuals and organizations (metric: number of events, happiness surveys). Increase in tourism because of the improvements (metric: number of tourists/boaters that visit the landing).

**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?**

De-obligation of funding, failure to request additional funds in the future.

**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



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- 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**