



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2387

1. Title of Project: Panama City Watson Bayou Dredging

2. Senate Sponsor: George Gainer

3. Date of Submission: 03/14/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Dredging in at the mouth of Watson Bayou to support launching, outfitting berth and deepwater access for United States Coast Guard Cutter manufacturing contract and the Panama City Industrial Complex. The Watson Bayou side of the Industrial Complex is adjacent to WestRock Papermill, Panama City Port - Eastern Terminal and Eastern Shipbuilding Group. This dredging project connects adjacent deeper water channels which enables United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutters to traverse between the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama City Industrial Complex on Watson Bayou.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection
State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,500,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	4,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Includes all costs associated with the deepening to 20' the existing United States Army Corp of Engineers permitted channel entrance to Watson Bayou from St. Andrews Bay in support of the United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutters which will be manufactured, launched, outfitted and sea-trialed from this Panama City Industrial Complex.	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The project will increase and improve economic activity; create specific immediate job opportunities and improve transportation conditions by expanding bulkhead for outfitting berthing spaces in Watson Bayou and the Panama City Industrial Complex.

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

Watson Bayou entrance dredging will enable governmental, industrial and commercial water dependent activities. United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutters will transport from the Panama City Industrial Complex through the Watson Bayou entrance/exit to/from St Andrew Bay, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The University of West Florida Haas Center conducted a Financial Impact Analysis of the work to be performed and concluded that 900 direct jobs and between 3500-5000 indirect jobs will be created for up to 20 years of the performance of the manufacturing contract. The direct jobs exceed the average local wage scale in addition to various employment benefits.

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

The citizens of Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun and Walton counties are the primary counties in which targeted direct-hire employees live. The US Coast Guard vessels will serve as coastal national security assets for the Department of Homeland Security.

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



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will be measured?

The measured outcome includes the deepening to 20' the Watson Bayou channel in support of the movements of the 300'+ length United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter. All improvements will be conducted to the State's sovereign submerged lands.

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 in the contract?

The County is willing to impose construction performance bond requirements.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The dredging project will be conducted in sovereign submerged lands of Watson Bayou.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Bay County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Bay
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only



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16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

18. What is the status of construction? Permit applications have been submitted for FDEP and US Corps of Engineers permits.

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? NA

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 05/01/2020