



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1154

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is undergoing design and permitting for a maintenance dredge of the Anclote River Federal Channel; dredging could start early to mid-2020. The scope of the USACE dredge does not include a necessary portion of the Anclote River (known locally as the Extended Turning Basin or XTB) located near the historic Sponge Docks in Tarpon Springs. As an active, working waterfront, extending the scope of the dredge in the Extended Turning Basin non-federal area is critical to the long-term prosperity of the area. The Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks provide significant marine commerce and marine-related tourism in both the City of Tarpon Springs and in Pinellas County as demonstrated by the attached third-party Economic Impact Study conducted for this project area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	724,753
Total State Funds Requested	724,753

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	724,753	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,340,700	59%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	191,028	8%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	2,256,481	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	812,100		Yes

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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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

11. 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	State funds would be used for construction (dredge) activities only. Design and permitting costs are being paid by the City.	724,753
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		724,753

12. Program Performance

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

The primary purpose is to provide safe accessibility for commercial and recreational marine traffic near the historic Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks by dredging waters that have silted up to dangerous levels. This area has never been dredged and has become impassable and unusable.

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

Dredging activities would be contracted by the City of Tarpon Springs and managed by the City of Tarpon Springs Project Administration Department.

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

Services provided by this project would be considered indirect.

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

The target population are users of commercial fishing and marine industries, recreational, and tourism activities for citizens of Tarpon Springs and the Tampa Bay region. The exact number of individuals is difficult to quantify; however, a third-party economic impact study was conducted to support dredging of the Anclote River which documents the impact of the marine industries on Tarpon Springs and Pinellas County. That study is included with the form as an attachment.

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

The expected benefit will be increased accessibility and mobility of commercial and recreational marine traffic. The outcome can be measured by vessel usage counts.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Complete or partial repayment of funds

- 13. 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 work would be completed in Waters of the State and would managed by the City of Tarpon Springs.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- ☐ Waste Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☒ N/A

18. 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

19. What is the status of construction?

Project is going out to bid in February (US Army Corps of Engineers)

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2021