



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1585

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request is to complete the remaining "shovel ready" improvements at Bird Creek Boat Ramp in Levy County. The project was previously funded through appropriations in 2018 and administered by the FWC (Contract No. 17332). The County surveyed, designed, and permitted a new boat ramp facility that included demo of the existing concrete boat ramps, loading docks, and parking areas to make way for a new concrete boat ramp, fixed loading docks, reconfigured parking lot, and shoreline stabilization. The County received bids for the proposed improvements that fell short of available funding. Using \$130k of vessel registration funds, the County was able to construct 90% of the permitted improvements. This request will allow the County to construct the remaining 1320 SF of wooden boardwalks and two 24'x24' covered pavilions reducing congestion and providing refuge for visitors increasing safety

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	66,380
Fixed Capital Outlay	397,700
Total State Funds Requested	464,080

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	464,080	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	464,080	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19		650,000		No

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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Yes

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

\$1.9M CARES Act funds used to assist small businesses
\$40k Florida Housing Association

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	Provide construction administration during the bidding and construction phase along with resident construction engineering & inspection (CEI) throughout the project. See attached cost estimates.	66,380
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construct the permitted observation docks and covered pavilions. See attached cost estimates.	397,700
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		464,080

12. Program Performance

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

The goal of this request is to improve safety of the County owned and maintained boat ramp by providing a place of refuge for patrons of the West Florida Birding Trail, Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve Paddling Trail, Bikers looking to enjoy the "Follow that Dream Parkway", and other visitors not intending to use the boat ramps and loading docks. This park provides direct access to the Gulf and generates economic revenue for area bait shops, convenience stores, and restaurants. This will also complete the project originally funded in 2018.

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

The two 24'x24' covered pavilions and 1320 SF of eight-foot wide boardwalks will be constructed to provide a place for bird watchers, paddlers, and the general non-boating visitors. Currently, patrons congregate on the loading docks and interfere with loading and unloading vessels. Safety will be improved with additional refuge space.

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

Direct services provided to the citizens will be two covered pavilions and 1320 SF of boardwalk to improve safety, escape the elements, enjoy nature, and fish.

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

The targeted population served by this project will be all of the citizens of Levy County as well as those residing in surrounding Citrus, Marion, Gilchrist, Alachua and Dixie Counties.

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



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The expected benefits and measured outcome of this project include: Enrichment of cultural experience - increased number of wildlife enthusiasts using the facilities; Environmental enhancement - pavilions and docks will minimize pedestrian activity along shoreline enabling wetland vegetation and sea life to flourish; Increased safety - additional dock space for non-boaters; Increased economic activity - will be evident by the number of boat trailers and cars parked at the ramp and surrounding bait shops; Increased tourism - advertisements in outdoor magazines, websites, and nature enthusiasts outlets will increase demand from paddlers, bird watchers, and other outdoor users.

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?

The agency will require a financial and performance measure report that explains how each deliverable required by the contract is met. Failure to do so would require the funding to be returned.

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 owners of the facility will be Levy County Board of County Commissioners. The Board owns and maintains the existing boating facility.



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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