



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1603

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The City of Fernandina Beach has contracted for the completion of a comprehensive conceptual design of resiliency improvements needed along the 1.1 mile Amelia River/Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach riverfront. The Fernandina Beach historic downtown area included sixty blocks featuring well-restored Victorian-era homes and the City flourishing downtown commercial district, bustling with thriving stores, restaurants and breweries, and cultural sites. To protect this thriving tourist, residential, and business district from future sea-level rise flooding, the historic downtown waterfront resiliency plan is composed of nine segments. One segment has been fully-designed and permitted and construction has commenced. This funding request is needed to complete the remaining eight segments' engineering design and permitting, which, once completed, will position the City to be able to move on to the construction phases of the eight remaining segments.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**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)	1,000,000	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 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	500,000	GAA 1707A	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.**
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**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

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

Of CARES Act funding of \$743,082 awarded to Nassau County and passed through to City, or awarded directly to City, funds were directed to local non-profits, first-responder overtime, Covid-related supplies, Airport covid-related expenses, and emergency paid sick leave for those stricken with Covid. The City will receive \$6,595,742 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, of which approx. \$3,000,000 has been received. but not expended. ARPA funding can't be used for this Resiliency project.

**11. 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	The Fernandina Beach Downtown Flooding Protection Project, if funded, will engineer design and permit sea-level rise resiliency improvements for the remaining eight phases of Fernandina Beach's 1.1 mile Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach shoreline protection plan.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

A 2019 Fernandina Beach Historic District Downtown Waterfront Resiliency Master Plan reported that "the Downtown Waterfront Project Area is most likely to experience flooding during a combined hightide and meteorological event... is most susceptible to meteorological-related increases of water elevations during the rainy season, typically occurring from the month of June through October." The established 1.1 mile flood protection line that makes up the shoreline protection plan of Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach is divided into nine logical phased solutions based on existing conditions, site location, property ownership and flood protection methodology types. One of the nine phases has been designed and permitted and construction has commenced. Goal is to engineer design and permit improvements the remaining eight phases of Fernandina Beach's 1.1 mile Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach shoreline protection plan.

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



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The City of Fernandina Beach has contracted for the completion of a comprehensive conceptual design of resiliency improvements needed along the 1600 linear feet which runs along the Historic Downtown/Amelia River waterfront. The Fernandina Beach historic downtown area included sixty blocks that largely contain well-restored Victorian-era homes and the City flourishing downtown commercial district, bustling with thriving stores, restaurants and breweries, and cultural sites. To protect this thriving tourist district from future sea-level rise flooding, the historic downtown waterfront resiliency plan is composed of nine segments. One segment has been fully-designed and permitted. This funding request is needed to complete the remaining eight segments' engineering design and permitting, which, once completed, will position the City to be able to move on to the construction phases of the eight remaining segments.

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

No direct services.

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

The engineering design and permitting of this project will serve as the foundation of construction solutions along the entire downtown Fernandina Beach waterfront. In that regard, the downtown Historic District's residents, businesses, and tourism will be protected against loss of the area due to Sea Level rise. Given that the Historic District enjoys annual tourism levels each (non-Covid) year in the hundreds of thousands of people, and Fernandina Beach's population is approximately 13,000, conservative estimate of the target population served by this project is at least 300,000 people.

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

The expected outcome of this project will be completing engineering design and permitting of the entire 1.1 mile downtown Fernandina Beach Historic District waterfront. The methodology by which this will be measured is through establishing period deliverables from the contractor that verify project phase completion at defined percentage-completed phases of the project. The expected benefit of this project is that once it is completed, the entire waterfront work will be "shovel-ready", i.e. ready for physical construction without additional planning work.

**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 standard penalties seem pretty adequate, in that the State will not (and should not) reimburse if performance measures are not met.

**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 City of Fernandina Beach owns all property related for which funding provided through this Local Funding Initiative Request will be used.



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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 need final engineering design and permitting before construction can commence.

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

10%. Conceptual designs that meet defined resiliency goals has been completed.

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

12/31/2028