



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1621

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The southern ~1.6 miles of Old A1A on the ocean in Summer Haven is not stable, and St. Johns County would like to accelerate the buy out of the residential properties. The County has acquired ten blocks in the past, spending \$420,000 since 2009, but the situation on Old A1A has deteriorated to the point that the safety of our citizens and guests requires the acceleration of the process. St. Johns County is requesting funding to help buy properties in this imperiled area. This area has a long history of erosion, and breaches and wash-overs during storms. The County has participated in the placement of protective FEMA berms four times and, in partnership with the US Army Corps, over four million cubic yards of sand have been placed on the beach since 1992. The Army Corps has included this area in three separate feasibility studies and they cannot recommend a protection project. The County has explored options for many years and buying out the affected properties is the only viable option

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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	70%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	420,800	30%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,420,800	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

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.

We received approximately \$60 million in Cares Act fund which was used for economic recovery, emergency protective measures, testing and vaccine distribution.

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	Purchase of vulnerable properties.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goals include enhancing public safety, providing expanded recreational opportunities, enhancing environmental integrity and eliminating the ongoing expense of trying to defend the residential properties from the encroachment by the ocean. Houses are being destroyed and it is not viable to provide reliable emergency services. The acquired properties would be open to the public and possibly donated to the State.

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

The County will offer to buy the most vulnerable properties and remove the existing structures.

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

The current property owners would have the opportunity to receive compensation for their property and the tax payers of St. Johns County will not have to continue to expend funds to attempt to protect these structures. In addition new recreation space would be available.

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

There area approximately 27 property owners in the threatened portion of Old A1A. The cessation of expenditures to protect the access to the houses and the expanded recreation would benefit all of the tax payers in St. Johns County.

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 preferred outcome of the project would be the removal of residential structures from the highly unstable stretch of beach, and opening the area to the public.

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?

Funding not used to purchase property and remove structures would be returned to the State.

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.

There are 43 properties, owned by various private property owners, that could be purchased.



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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