



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2222

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Dredging at the mouth of Watson Bayou and the Watson Bayou Turning Basin 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**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,150,000</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)	1,150,000	37%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,000,000	63%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>3,150,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	2,000,000		No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No

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
<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	Includes all costs associated with dredging at the mouth of Watson Bayou and the Watson Bayou Turning Basin 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 Unite	1,150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,150,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

**a. What specific purpose or goal 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 dredging activities in way of the Watson Bayou entrance channel, turning basin and outfitting berthing spaces in Watson Bayou and the Panama City Industrial Complex.

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

Watson Bayou entrance and turning basin 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 Turning Basin through the Watson Bayou entrance/exit to/from St Andrew Bay, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico.

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

n/a



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

The measured outcome includes the deepening to 20' the Watson Bayou channel and turning basin in support of the movements of the 300'+ length United States Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter. All improvements will be conducted in 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 the contract?**

The County is willing to impose construction performance bond requirements.

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



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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