



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1937

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Fernandina Beach "Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern Barrier Island" project will construct 3 new beach Walkovers at City Beach Access Points that now have Walkthroughs (i.e. pedestrian walking trails which cut through protective beach dune systems) and also place sand fences, pedestrian control lanes, sea oats, and educational signage in areas adjacent to the new Walkovers to increase protective dune accumulations. This project will help restore and stabilize degraded dune areas of significant environmental value and restore the protective resiliency of the Fernandina Beach Atlantic Ocean-side dunes against sea water encroachment related to hurricanes and sea level rise. Construction of the new Walkovers are critically-needed to protect the dunes from the inevitable increased use of Fernandina Beach beaches due to Nassau County's extreme population growth and Amelia Island's ever-increasing tourism.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	750,000	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?** No

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.

\$6,595,742 which was allocated to City police and fire department first responders' salaries and benefits, as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act Agreement Final Rule stipulations.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

All fixed capital outlay funding will be for construction on property fully-owned by the City of Fernandina Beach.

13. 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	On Fernandina Beach's 5.6 miles of Atlantic Ocean Beaches, the City has 57 beach accesses, of which 33 have walkovers (elevated walkways that extend over the dunes) and 20 are walkthroughs. This project will design and construct 3 beach walkovers to replace beach walkthroughs at access points closest to the Atlantic which are most vulnerable to serving as conduits for flooding into the City.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance



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

Purpose: To construct new beach walkovers to increase dune protection and dune growth, which in turn protects lives and property. More specifically, to prepare for increased flooding due to sea level rise on Amelia Island along Florida's Northern-most Atlantic Ocean beaches by providing elevated beach access structures to reduce walking trails being cut through dunes, a need exacerbated by a remarkable population growth in Nassau County and increased tourism on Amelia Island.

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

Construction of a beach walkovers, dune fencing, and sea oats plantings will be completed through this Appropriation.

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

Construct beach walkovers which are an amenity that allows protective beach dunes to accumulate and which also provides residents and tourists with an easy means to transport beach paraphernalia such as coolers and umbrellas to the beach, without damaging the dunes. Additionally, the creation and protection of beach dunes that beach walkovers help create and maintain habitat and nesting ground for protected and threatened wildlife including turtles and migratory nesting birds.

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

The creation and protection of beach dunes that beach walkovers help create and maintain helps protect the lives and property of Fernandina Beach's 13,199 residents and attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to Amelia Island. In 2021, over 513,000, or 77.4%, of Amelia Island's 662,900 overnight visitors ranked Fernandina Beach Historic District and beaches as one of their "Top Activities Enjoyed."

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

The outcome of the "Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern Barrier Island" will be the design, permitting and construction of three new Beach Walkovers at Beach Access points most at risk of Atlantic Ocean flooding. Methodology to ensure this outcome will be that the work will be completed under the supervision of the City of Fernandina Beach Civil Engineer and verified through Engineering certificates of completion.

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?

Failure to fully-satisfy each deliverable of the "Protecting the Resiliency of Florida's Northeastern Barrier Island" project would make Fernandina Beach ineligible for reimbursement from the State of Florida.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number