



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2848

1. Project Title Peanut Island Historic Restoration - Palm Beach County

2. Senate Sponsor Bobby Powell

3. Date of Request 02/07/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The now vacant Coast Guard Station located on the island is historically significant for its role in coastal defense and rescue activities during the early months of World War II, for its involvement in the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and as the location of the John F. Kennedy fallout bunker. This restoration project will revitalize Peanut Island's legacy of eco-tourism by renovating these historic facilities, including the vacant Coast Guard Station buildings and bunker.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,000,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Local and/or federal dollars

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.



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Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million. Funding was spent entirely for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel. Palm Beach also received approximately \$290 million in American Rescue Plan funding for pandemic-related service and infrastructure projects.

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?

October 15, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

April 1, 2025

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.

The Port of Palm Beach owns the property and has leased it to Palm Beach County.

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	Renovation of historic Peanut Island facilities, including the vacant Coast Guard Station building, boathouse and historic John F. Kennedy fallout bunker.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Planning and construction renovation of existing buildings and historic fallout bunker for recreation, eco-tourism and historic-tourism purposes.

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



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The Peanut Island restoration will renovate historic Coast Guard buildings for eco-tourism, which will add to the county's extensive 2005 renovation of the island that created substantial recreational opportunities. Florida residents and tourists will enjoy the opportunity to participate in recreational and eco-tourism activities and visit a unique destination in United States history.

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

Outdoor recreational opportunities including hiking, snorkeling, and kayaking. Access to historic facilities and one of the most unique tourist destinations in Florida as the bunker is one of only two such sites in the United States.

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

The general public. Thousands of visitors per year.

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

Renovated facilities are expected to increase access to recreational activities and increase tourism to the Island by providing both local and out-of-state visitors the chance to visit a unique and important location in American history. The impacts will be measured by analyzing the use of the enhanced recreational facilities and the number of visitors to the island.

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?

Unused funds would be returned to the State.

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
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
☒ Local Entity
☐ University or College
☐ Other (please specify)
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