



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1263

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricane Debby and Helene damaged the pier and caused the City to close access to the pier. The City is demolishing and removing the debris in the water. This funding request is for construction of the new pier, which has already been designed. This very important community project is one of the biggest tourist attractions in the City and County. The pier has drawn over 1 million estimated visitors.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,140,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,140,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,140,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	380,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,520,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
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	Construction costs to re-build of the Pier.	1,140,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,140,000

13. Program Performance

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

A local pier has been present in Safety Harbor since before 1900 and has made a major economic and tourism impact. Hurricane Debby and Helene damaged the pier and caused the City to close access to the pier. The City is demolishing and removing the debris in the water. This funding request is for construction of the new pier, which has already been designed. This very important community project is vital for the County and City residents and visitors.

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

The Pier which provides fishing, sightseeing, exercise opportunities, social gatherings. Recreational activities allows the elderly, those with health problems, the young, and those without a boat to participate in being "on the water". The pier will also serve as an economic development tool and provide that service to our businesses.



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

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

15.4 million visitors traveled to Pinellas County in 2024, which was the third year in a row of strong growth. This resulted in an economic impact of over \$11.2 billion, with \$6.4 billion in direct spending.

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

The pier offers visitors an opportunity to see native Florida wildlife; including manatees, various species of birds, and a multitude of fish. Anglers thoroughly enjoy fishing from the shelter at the end of the pier, often times spending entire days casting their poles. The pier provides an opportunity that may not be found in other local neighborhoods, to be immersed in the marine environment.

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 in the contract?

Return of Funds

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricane Helene and Milton

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied



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- Yes, Received
- No
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a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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