



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1276

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

GHS Marina LLC seeks state funding to conduct maintenance dredging activities serving Oldsmar Marina and the connecting waterways, including Moccasin Creek and Salt Fish Creek, leading to Safety Harbor. This project involves removing approximately 18,270 cubic yards of sediment across a 4.21-acre dredge area to restore navigational depths and ensure continued safe access for maritime activities. The primary goals of the project include:

1. Restoring safe and consistent navigational depths to promote the continued economic use of Oldsmar Marina and surrounding waterways.
2. Mitigating the impacts of sediment accumulation on local ecosystems by employing environmentally sound dredging and sediment disposal practices.
3. Supporting regional recreation and economic activities dependent on safe and functional waterways.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,000,000	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.**
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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

8/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8/1/2026

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

Private investment and cash-flow from operations.

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.

N/A

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Other Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Dredging	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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1. Restoration of Navigational Depths:

The primary purpose of the funding is to restore navigational depths within the Oldsmar Marina, Moccasin Creek, and Salt Fish Creek to their original design specifications. This will ensure safe and reliable passage for recreational and commercial vessels, which is currently impeded by sediment accumulation.

2. Promotion of Economic Activity:

By restoring the functionality of these waterways, the project will bolster local economic activities tied to maritime operations. This includes increased access for boating, fishing, and tourism, which are vital components of the local economy.

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

Dredging Operations: Dredge to restore depths to -5.0 feet MLW.

Environmental Protection: Use erosion controls, monitor water, and protect sensitive habitats.

Sediment Management: Transport dredged material to an upland site with proper containment.

Surveys: Conduct pre- and post-dredging surveys to confirm depth and compliance.

Community Safety: Notify the public and ensure safety during dredging operations.

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

Improved Waterway Access: Restore safe navigation for recreational boating in the connected waterways.

Enhanced Public Safety: Eliminate navigation hazards caused by sediment accumulation.

Economic Benefits: Support local businesses, tourism, and recreational activities tied to the waterways.

Environmental Protection: Safeguard aquatic habitats through eco-friendly dredging practices.

Community Engagement: Keep residents informed and provide a safer, more accessible waterway for public use.

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

The target population includes: Recreational Boaters and Fishermen, Commercial Operators, Local Residents, and Tourist.

Number of Individuals Served: This project is expected to directly serve thousands of users annually, including: Hundreds of boaters and commercial operators, Local residents and businesses benefiting from increased activity in the area, and Tourists contributing to the local economy.

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

The direct benefit of the project is improved navigational access by restoring the waterway to -5.0MLW depth. Pre- and post-dredging surveys will confirm that navigation depths are restored to the design specification of -5.0 feet MLW.

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?

Corrective action plans, contractor replacement, and disqualification from future bids.

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

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):

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

- Yes, Applied



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

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- Resilient Florida Grant Program
- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Partially Permitted.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8/1/2026

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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.

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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