



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1301

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding would be utilized to repair/restore the structures of the pier, as well as replace the walkway that has become unsafe to walk. Hurricane Milton destroyed the walkway of the Anna Maria Historic City Pier including all sewer, electrical, several pilings, and has made the building at the end of the pier inoperable. The businesses and organizations that occupy the pier, including Mote Marine's Educational Center, the Gulf Islands Water Ferry, and the City Pier Grill, are unable to provide any services due to the damage from the storm's direct impacts.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	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	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/30/2026

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

Operations and maintenance has historically been funded by the City of Anna Maria, using funds generated by the businesses and organizations that occupy the pier, as well as other city funding sources. The City of Anna Maria intends to continue this funding of the pier.

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.

The City of Anna Maria owns all property and structures related to the historic city pier.

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	Design and inspections for the project would be completed by the city engineer. Funds would be spent to construct and install major infrastructure to the pier walkway including pilings, bents and stringers.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to repair/restore the history city pier in the City of Anna Maria. The pier acts as a local economic driver for the community, and is a popular Tampa Bay tourist destination as the most visited place in Manatee County. Damaged during Hurricane Milton, impacts have not only damaged structures to the point of inoperability and made the pier's walkway unsafe to traverse, but the multiple of the pier's pilings have been severely damaged and are in need of replacement.



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

Restoration of the historic city pier is essential to providing the social, cultural, and educational enrichment provided by the many businesses and organizations that occupy it. This includes Mote Marine's Educational Center, the Gulf Islands Water Ferry, and the City Pier Grill.

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

The Pier enhances the experience of residents from counties in the Tampa Bay region and tourists who visit the area. The Pier is a vital piece of the community that draws visitors that are key to the economic viability/vitality/enhancement of the local community/area.

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

The target populations of these services include elderly visitors, students from all grade levels, local visitors from the Tampa Bay area, and other tourists.

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

An improvement of physical and mental health through exercise and enrichment; an improvement of the local ecosystem through building materials and strategies that are more friendly to the environment; restoring tourism, employment and educational opportunities through the restoration of pier operations. Each of the outcomes can be measured through the surveying of visitors or through the review of data, revenues, and employment statistics that center around pier activity.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding to the state.

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 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:



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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):

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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