



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1397

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project includes replacement of the three boats docks at Front Street Park in Melbourne, shoreline hardening for erosion control, minor milling and resurfacing of the parking lot near the boat ramp and an American with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalk and curb ramp with associated signage and striping. The project also includes ADA upgrades on one of the ramps to include a dock width of 5-feet to accommodate wheelchairs, extending the dock to meet the finish grade of the parking lot, installation of a guide rail for drop-off conditions and a ramp slope not to exceed 8.33%.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	12%
Other	1,200,000	48%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,500,000	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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 01/02/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07/03/2026

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

Once construction is completed, the City's Parks & Recreation Department will continue to maintain the docks and ramp along with the other park facilities and amenities. Funding for maintenance and repair is derived from the operating budget for the Parks Department.

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 Melbourne is the owner of the facility.

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	Funds will cover costs related to the construction of the replacement boat docks with ADA upgrades at Front Street Park in Melbourne.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Front Street boat docks provide important direct access to the Indian River Lagoon as one of two locations in Melbourne where boat launches with accessory docks are available to the public. High user demand and limited access to the Indian River Lagoon for recreational and commercial boaters makes this project a priority for the City of Melbourne. High water levels in the IRL has caused the boat docks to be closed several times due to being underwater and the new dock design will alleviate this issue and make them usable year round.

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



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Local boaters as well as those traveling the intercoastal waterway will benefit from the reconstruction of the boat docks at Front Street Park. Reconstructing the docks with an ADA accessible ramp will allow more boaters safe access to the Indian River Lagoon, bringing more boaters through the area, stimulating the local Melbourne economy as well as other cities within the Space Coast. Residents from other counties have reasonable access to the public boat docks and ramp. The Front Street boat ramps and docks are also utilized by the Melbourne Police Department Marine Unit and Florida Fish and Wildlife to access the waterways for environmental protection, public safety, enforcing boating rules and regulations, natural resource protection, and other waterway/boating matters.

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

The Front Street boat docks provide important direct access to the Indian River Lagoon. It is one of two locations in Melbourne where boat launches with accessory docks are made available to the public.

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

The target population of this project is recreational and commercial boaters for the local community and surrounding area. Since 2016, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reported the total number of registered vessels for Brevard, Volusia, and Indian River counties was 72,605.

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

As a coastal city, our community has a high demand for public access to the waterways. Front Street Park is one of only two locations in Melbourne with boat launches with accessories that are available to the public. Reconstruction of the docks will help the City continue to satisfy the high demand while providing safe access to the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) for all users.

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?

City of Melbourne contracts include a liquidated damages provision in the amount of \$500 per day. This penalty is enforced when a contractor fails to complete the project within the contract time limits. If requested, this amount can be increased or decreased based upon State of Florida guidelines.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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

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



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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):

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



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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