



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1625

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Coast Guard Station, currently vacant, located on Peanut Island holds significant historical value for its role in coastal defense and rescue efforts during the early months of World War II, its involvement in the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and as the site of the John F. Kennedy fallout bunker. To revitalize Peanut Island's legacy of eco-tourism, this restoration project will renovate these historic facilities including the vacant Coast Guard Station buildings and bunker.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

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	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,000,000	50%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2024-25	0	1,000,000	2347A	No

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**



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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?** 07/01/2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 11/01/2028

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

Local funds

**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.**

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County currently leases the land and structures from the Port of Palm Beach.

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

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

**13. Program Performance**

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

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.

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



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Construction renovation of existing buildings and historic fallout bunker for re-opening to allow access for recreation, eco-tourism and historic-tourism purposes.

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

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.

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

Thousands of Florida residents and tourists will enjoy these historic facilities each 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 in the contract?**

Unused funds will be returned to the state.

**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
- 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)?**



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- Yes, Applied
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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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