



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1626

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The appropriation will help finish the construction and improvements of the 15,000 square foot Seafarers' House center located within Port Everglades (PEV). It represents 3% of the total project cost. PEV supports 10,778 direct local jobs.

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	150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</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)	150,000	3%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	4,350,000	97%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>4,500,000</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		

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

10. **Status of Construction**



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a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction   
  N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

02/15/2021

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

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

Seafarers' House raises \$800,000 annually to support operational and program costs. Funds are raised through corporate and private donations, special events, retail and cafe operators and foundation grants.

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.

Seafarers' House is private 501 c 3 governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

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	Project completion and improvements to the Seafarers' House Center, including fencing, landscaping, signage, adding counter space to the outdoor kitchen, and completing a parking lot	150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

The appropriation will help finish the construction and improvements of the 15,000 square foot Seafarers' House center located within Port Everglades (PEV). By completing this facility, Seafarers' House will be better equipped to provide the necessary services and amenities to the Port Everglades workforce and seafarers, including providing access to a café, convenient store, shipping services, recreational space, wire transfer services, and meditation and counseling spaces.

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



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Seafarers' House services are available to Port workers as well as seafarers, including a café, convenient store, shipping services, recreational space, wire transfer services, and meditation and counseling spaces. Port Everglades generates more than \$26.5 billion worth of business activity annually and supports 10,778 direct local jobs and 192,688 jobs statewide. The funds will complete the final construction plans for the 15,000 square foot Seafarers' House community center this is open to seafarers and the Port Everglades community.

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

Services are open 7 days a week for all Port workers and seafarers, and include free access for mental health services from counselors and clergy, meditation space, free WiFi services, a café, convenient store, shipping services, recreational space, and wire transfer services. In times of crisis or emergencies we also provide immediate support and resources to affected port workers.

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

Seafarers, the "invisible essential workers," are the target population. There are approximately 750,000 crew visits each year in Port Everglades. Maritime transport depends on the 1.6 million seafarers who operate the world's merchant ships, which carry about 90% of global trade by volume, including most of the world's food, energy, and medical supplies. Most crew members come from countries where unemployment is high and work hard for what our society considers low wages. They leave their families for up to a year to support them. Their jobs are dangerous. Hours are long; they enter multi-cultural, multi-lingual environments, and because they live where they work, they do not have much.

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

Improvements to the environment and facility will benefit the Port Everglades workforce. A completed and improved facility will provide amenities and services that will increase morale, productivity and mental health for the workforce and seafarers. Our center provides a space for rest, recreation, and social interaction, helping to alleviate the stress and isolation experienced by many maritime workers. An increase in participation of services is measured through transportation logs, recording transport from ships to center.

**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?**

Failing to meet deliverables and performance measures would result in loss of funding.

**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**



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