



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2421

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Miami-Dade County Seaport Department, PortMiami, is in critical need of funding assistance for a portion of the cost to replace the North Bulkhead. The North Bulkhead Project is PortMiami's 7,200 linear feet of cruise berths that are reaching the end of their useful life. If these berths are not replaced, cruise activity could relocate outside of Florida due to the lack of remaining cruise berth capacity in the State of Florida. The "Project" is critical to maintain the 45,309 jobs and \$10.1 billion to the state economy, generated from our world leading 8.3 million annual cruise passenger movements. The initial estimated project cost was \$350 million in 2022, however the current cost estimate is approaching \$1 billion. These specific funds will go towards the engineering and construction of the first berth with a expected completion date of October 2027.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	16%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,000,000	84%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	9,500,000	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.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/05/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/15/2027

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

PortMiami revenues

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.

Miami-Dade County Seaport Department (PortMiami)

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	Engineering/Construction	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The overall North Bulkhead Improvement project will reconstruct and realign six berths along the north side of PortMiami within 7 years, including design. These specific funds will go towards both the engineering/soft construction phase which commences in Summer 2025, and the final construction of the first berth, which commences in January 2027.

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



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Funds for this project will go towards typical construction activities for a new bulkhead including new berthing structures, expansion and reconstruction of the existing apron to tie into the new berthing structure, upgraded stormwater drainage system, scour protection, mooring and fendering systems, concourse expansion, and new utilities as needed, including water, electrical, and IT. After completion of the first berth, the terminal will re-open and able to accept the largest cruise vessels in the world.

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

The North Bulkhead Improvement project will support port operations by providing a stable and safe bulkhead for 6 berths at PortMiami, for both present and future needs of the cruise industry in the State of Florida. In calendar year 2023, PortMiami supported 21,689 direct jobs and \$376.9 million of state and local taxes in cruise activity alone.

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

PortMiami, a Miami-Dade County department, is a regional asset and generates employment for residents in South Florida. According to the 2023 Local and Regional Economic Impacts of PortMiami study prepared by Martin Associated, these 6 berths generously contributed to over \$10.1B in economic activity, 8 million cruise passengers, and 31,000 direct and indirect jobs. This number will continue to grow as these new bulkheads will have built-in flexibility to accommodate all cruise vessels that operate at or call to PortMiami.

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

This project will provide a low maintenance, new bulkhead, marine apron, and berthing and mooring facilities that, as a system, have a serviceable design life of at least 75 years and safely support cruise ships and terminal operations. This outcome will be measured by tracking the completion date in accordance with the project schedule.

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 will result in nonpayment.

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:



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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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