



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2602

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of seawall along sovereign submerged lands to secure United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters for the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to a manufacturing contract which could last up to 20 years.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

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

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/25/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2026

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

The leases will be responsible for maintenance and operations for the project.

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.

Bay County

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	Construction of seawall	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 project will increase and improve economic activity and create specific immediate job opportunities by expanding seawall for outfitting berthing spaces. Includes costs associated with constructing an industrial bulkhead and outfitting basin in Watson Bayou the construction and outfitting of United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters which will be constructed, launched, and sea-trialed from Watson Bayou.

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

Watson Bayou berthing spaces will enable governmental, industrial, and commercial water dependent activities. United States Coast Guard offshore patrol cutters will be docked at this bulkhead while being outfitted with propulsion, navigation, communication, HVAC, plumbing, electrical systems, etc., prior to delivery to the United States Dept. of Homeland Security.



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

The University of West Florida Haas Center conducted a financial impact analysis of the work to be performed and concluded that 900 direct jobs and between 3,500-5,000 indirect jobs will be created for each of the up to 20 years of the performance of the manufacturing contract. The direct jobs exceed the average local wage scale in addition to various employment benefits.

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

The citizens of Bay, Gulf, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, and Walton Counties are the primary counties in which targeted direct-hire employees live. The US Coast Guard vessels will serve as coastal national security assets for the Department of Homeland Security.

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

The measured outcome includes the construction of bulkhead and the longterm operation of an outfitting facility. The county's lessee is willing to commit to keeping 900 direct hires which can be validated by reports filed with the State of Florida.

**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?**

The county is willing to impose construction performance bond requirements.

**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#:**

**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



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- 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):**

### Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

**17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?**

- Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- Resilient Florida Grant Program
- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- N/A

**18. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**19. What is the status of construction?**

**20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

**21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

**22. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**



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**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

#### 23. 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.**

#### 24. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**

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