



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2726

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

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a boat ramp facility. The Barge Canal Boat Ramp Project is located along the west side of US19 and the north side of the Barge Canal adjacent to the new USCG Station in Citrus County. The project includes the construction of a 400 foot wide ramp, five gangway's with floating docks, restroom, 6 picnic pavilions, landscaping, lighting, 63 car parking spaces, 245 boat parking spaces and associated storm water facilities. SWFWMD and ACOE permits have been secured for the facility.

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	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	49%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	6,973,000	35%
Other	3,200,000	16%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	20,173,000	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



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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	The requested funds will be used to construct the boat ramp project 50% Construction = Senate App:\$9,150,000	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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The boat ramp is proposed to be placed on the Barge Canal which has been noted to be an area less subject to manatee use. By bringing boaters to this ramp will help reduce boaters in more manatee sensitive areas. Boating and boat facilities can help improve mental health by boosting moods with access to natural resources. Construction of the project will allow boaters to utilize the barge canal. The project may increase development potential and retail commerce as the project is along US19. Boat ramps are critical to eco-tourism. When constructed this ramp will provide boaters with direct access to the Gulf.

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

Construction of a boat ramp facility will include a 400 foot wide ramp, five gangway's with floating docks (with the ability to add 6 more gangways in the future), restroom, 6 picnic pavilions, landscaping, lighting, 63 car parking spaces, 245 boat parking spaces and associated storm water facilities.

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

We anticipate the target population to be greater than 800 pleasure and fishing boaters.

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

Construction of the project will allow boaters to utilize the barge canal which can be measured by collecting ramp use volume.

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?

If there is an area in which Citrus County is deficient, it is suggested that a corrective action plan be implemented and monitored to ensure that the deficient area(s) is/are corrected in a timely fashion. If Citrus County is not meeting the deliverables or the expected performance outlined in the contract, the State has the option to cancel unencumbered funds associated with that contract for these services.

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:



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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):

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?



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.