



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2746

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Dunedin Marina was impacted by both Hurricane's Helene and Milton. The destructive storms combined crippled marina operations, making the marina basin and surrounding parkland and businesses inaccessible and unusable. The Storms combined caused a total loss to the Public Fishing Pier, day use and emergency slips, the majority of the eastern sea wall, and the electric system. It also heavily damaged the user docks/piers, slips, fire suppression system and historic Boat Club.

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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	5,000,000	38%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	5,100,000	39%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	13,100,000	100%

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



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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?

The marina fund operates as an enterprise fund and the cost of repair and replacement is primarily allocated to the marina fund and supplemented by the general fund through specific line item projects. These two funds have and will continue to sustain regular repair and maintenance. The request to supplement through an appropriation request is due to the widespread structural damage sustained by the marina due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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.

City of Dunedin

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	Design, permitting, and construction costs to replace the Fishing Pier, Day Docks, and Emergency Docks, restore power supplies to the marina basin and docks, complete replacement of failed and damaged sea walls, replacement of slip user docks and finger piers to be more resilient, and replacement/repair of fire surpession system.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The Marina is a keystone to the community used by residents, business, and visitors alike, it is a hub of activity for events, surrounding businesses, parkland, recreational and commercial fishing and activities. It is estimated neighboring businesses will experience over \$1M in loss revenue, residents displaced, lack of emergency support by the Fire and Sheriff boats. Restoring use will support business, restore tourism via day and ferry boat use, and support commercial and recreational use.

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

Activities associated with these funds are all focused on marina structural repair and replacement and equipment repair and replacement. Based on an engineering study, estimated repair and replacement is approx \$18M. Funds will be used to replace damaged bulkhead wall, replace day docks and public fishing pier, including emergency vessel docks (Fire & Sheriff) and transportation services (Clearwater Ferry), repairing piers/docks and slips, repairing/replacement of fire suppression system and electrical system.

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

Restoration of marina returns activity to this central hub - including events, transportation services, emergency services (fire boat and Sheriff's boat), supports tourism and economic development via day dock usage, boat ramp usage and commercial vessel usage. In addition surrounding businesses have been impacted by the closure and lack of activity. Residents have been unable to access vessels and partake in any recreational activity. The marina creates a large tourism and resident use via the fishing piers, sunsets, and kayak and small boat sailing activity (youth sailing), all of which haven't occurred since the storms.

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

Directly, Dunedin Residents of approximately 36,000 and indirectly, Pinellas County Residents and Vistors, which is over 1 million.

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

The outcome impacts many areas - tourism: restoring visitors to marina as a focal point of the community, events like Piper on the Pier and watching sunsets, and restoring transportation services (Clearwater Ferry) measured in visitor counts and transport usage; economic development: supporting local businesses in the surrounding areas that have been impacted and suffering measured in business revenue; recreation for day dock users, slip renters, boat ramp users, kayak and youth small boat sailing measured in user counts; commercial fishing and tourism vessel measured in business revenue and guest counts; safety and security of returning fire boat and Sheriff boat measured by calls and dispatched services, incidents reported.

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?

Reversion of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricanes Helene and Milton

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied



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- 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
- 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)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Project is designed and shovel ready. Pre-construction.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

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a. Organization City of Dunedin

b. Municipality and County Pinellas

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

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