



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2807

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Inland Port Intermodal Logistics Center in Miami-Dade County ("Project") will provide an additional land area for Port Miami's island-constrained site and its growing international container movement traffic. Approximately 200 acres will be used for the temporary storage of in-transit cargo and include a sustainable truck parking facility. The facility will reduce emissions by leveraging electrification and solar technologies, as well as additional offsite electric rubber tire gantry (eRTG) stackers, electric plugs for refrigerated container units, charging stations, and a solar farm. The site will require environmental mitigation for the majority of the land with removal of exotic invasive species of wetlands. To facilitate further development of the inland port, Port Miami is requesting funding to support the first phase of site development.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	5,000,000	29%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000,000	59%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	17,000,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

Port Miami revenue.

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 (Port Miami).

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	Planning/Engineering/Mitigation/Construction	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

As part of the Port Miami Net Zero Supply Chain Program, the purpose for the Inland Port Intermodal Logistics Center is to provide an additional land area for Port Miami's island-constrained site to increase the Port's economic competitiveness, bolster workforce development, and reduce carbon emissions associated with the movement of cargo. This first phase will include planning, environmental mitigation, initial site development, cargo laydown area, and truck parking.

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



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A vital component is the freight rail access and connectivity for the most fuel-efficient way to transport large volumes of cargo and reduce congestion and idling. The carbon neutral operation will be electrified to encompass the entire logistics chain. The electrified operation is anticipated to commence at Port Miami, through its docks with existing electric ship-to-shore gantry cranes, to an inland port powered by renewable energy, and lastly, to the consumer via a fleet of electric over-the-road trucks. Strategically locating one of the inland ports in South Florida allows reach from Miami to Central Florida, serving a population of 18-million residents and businesses.

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

The Project will be a significant driver of job creation and workforce development. During each construction phase, hundreds of construction-related jobs will be generated, providing opportunities in engineering, construction, logistics, and renewable energy. Beyond the construction phase, there will be ongoing operational jobs in logistics management, equipment maintenance, intermodal operations, and environmental technology. These roles will offer high-skill employment opportunities, contributing to the local economy's vitality. To ensure long-term benefits for the community, the full project will include training programs for the local workforce, fostering a skilled workforce ready to meet future industry demands.

The project promises significant benefits for consumers by improving logistic efficiencies.

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

Strategically locating one of the inland ports in South Florida, allows reach from Miami to Central Florida, serving a population of 18-million residents and businesses. Each phase of the project adds capacity to Florida Ports. Since the first year of development will require significant investments in environmental mitigation and initial site development, an estimated 55,000 TEUs in capacity will be created. The following phases will escalate this capacity to approximately 250,000 TEUs its second year, etc., allowing Florida ports to handle significantly larger container volumes. This directly increases trade revenues and supports the growing community's demands and global shipping lines served.

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

The Project offers substantial economic returns through a combination of operational efficiencies, increased trade revenues, and sustainability benefits. With the boost in cargo throughput capacity, Port Miami and other ports will be in the position to handle greater container volumes. This expansion directly raises trade revenues and meets the growing demands of global shipping lines. In addition, operational cost reductions are achieved through electrification of cargo handling equipment and integration with intermodal rail systems, cutting reliance on diesel vehicles and reducing fuel costs and emissions. Investments in renewable energy, such as solar farms, also bring long-term energy savings and lessen the environmental impact of logistics operations. This outcome will be measured by the increased container volumes.

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?



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- 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
- 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



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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

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.