



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3333

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Crystal River City Council, in partnership with the Citrus County BOCC, is in need of funding for adding capacity at the existing Fort Island Trail Park boat ramp. As part of the Riverwalk construction, the boat ramp located at NW 3rd Ave will soon be closed. The City previously requested that the State allow for the construction of a new boat ramp and was denied. An alternative to a new boat ramp is to improve the capacity at the Fort Island Trail Park ramp and/or parking area. A proposal was presented to the Citrus County BOCC and the City and County have entered into an interlocal agreement outlining the details of the partnership to include identify funding sources (\$3.5 million estimated cost). The city owned boat ramp located at Pete's Pier has deteriorated from age and multiple flooding events and is in need of renovation/repairs (\$1.5 million estimated). Due to the relocation of the NW 3rd Avenue boat ramp, this will be the only public ramp remaining within city limits.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

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



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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?

0/00/0000

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

0/00/0000

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.

Ft. Island Trail Park Boat Ramp is owned by Citrus County, and the funding would be handled by the City of Crystal River.
 The Pete's Pier Boat Ramp is owned by the City of Crystal River and the funding would be handled by the City.

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 funding would be used to expand the boat ramp and or parking area at the Fort Island Park Boat Ramp. (3.5 Million) The funding would also be utilized for boat ramp renovations/repairs for the Pete's Pier Boat Ramp. (1.5 Million)	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?

Providing Citizens and visitors alike a safe place to launch vessels from.



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

Expansion of a boat ramp at an alternative location from existing boat ramp planned for closure.
Renovation/repair of a boat ramp at an alternative location from existing boat ramp planned for closure.

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

Public access to local waterways and prevention of loss of existing boat ramp planned for closure.

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

The target population includes the local community and tourists from all over the world, local business owners. Over one million visitors per year are expected to be served by the project.

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

Provision of access to local waterways and prevent loss of existing boat ramp planned for closure to facilitate Riverwalk Phase II construction.

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?

More frequent required reporting.

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:

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?

Not applicable

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

Not applicable

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

0/00/0000

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name

Audra

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

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