



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2718

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project provides funding for construction of ferry dockage and associated terminal facilities to support waterborne transportation and economic development efforts. It allows the city to remain responsive to the infrastructure needs of waterborne transit and ferry services. The Cross Bay Ferry currently uses a temporary dock constructed via a barge to provide seasonal ferry services. It's supported with minimal terminal facilities and limited on-site parking. In anticipation of year-round service, a more permanent dockage and terminal facilities are needed, especially to satisfy requirements by the Army Corps of Engineers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	36%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,750,000	64%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The City of St. Petersburg received approximately \$45M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds which was used to support affordable housing, mental health support, and nutrition access.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

June 1, 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 31, 2025

12. 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.

The City of St. Petersburg would administer the project and own the facility. The city would solicit construction services, in compliance with the state's procurement laws including CCNA, with capital funding indirectly allocated to the responsive contractor and any subcontractors.

13. 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: Other		
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	Funding would be used for the construction of a permanent Cross Bay Ferry Dock.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The city's adopted Waterfront Master Plan calls for a ferry dock to be located along the Upland portion of the St. Pete Pier. These funds, combined with city funds, would allow for the construction of the dock and supporting infrastructure. In order to advance the project in an expeditious manner, the city has budgeted \$250,000 in the current fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 to design such dock so that construction can commence once construction funds are identified. Once constructed, the Cross-Bay Ferry will be able to operate from a permanent and centrally located location.

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

The city will utilize state-approved procurement methods in order to bid the construction out for qualified firms to build the dock.

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

The project will allow citizens a convenient place to board or alight the ferry as it takes passengers between downtown St. Petersburg and downtown Tampa. The dock may also serve other commercial vessels or other ferry routes determined in the future.

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

The target population is approximately 60% local citizens and 40% tourists who desire a trip between the two largest cities in Tampa Bay. It is expected that once constructed, the dock will serve in excess of 100,000 individuals per year.

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

A centrally-located dock with ample nearby parking and other amenities such as shaded waiting areas, restrooms, and food and beverage service will result in higher ridership and higher satisfaction rates by riders of the ferry service. This will result in additional spending by ferry passengers to fuel the local economy and generate sales tax. Ridership is automatically tracked, and on-board surveys will be utilized to track estimated spending by type and average per passenger.

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 the contract?

Reimbursement of certain applicable expenditures could be made for failing to meet the project deliverables.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number