



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2960

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Planning, engineering, design and construction of a public land side boardwalk and observation pier underneath the Marler Bridge along with multimodal facilities from the Zerbe Street and Calhoun Avenue intersection, south along the west right-of-way of Calhoun Avenue, west along Harbor Boulevard (US 98), and south under the Marler Bridge to the existing harbor boardwalk. The purpose of the project is to provide a pedestrian connection between the north and south sides of Harbor Boulevard to maximize pedestrian access to the south side of the harbor, provide public space, and offer a scenic viewing area.

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

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)	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 2024-2025	2,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	0		No

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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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 Destin will own and maintain all facilities included under this request. No facilities are to be located on privately owned parcels.

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	Planning, engineering, design, and construction of a public land side boardwalk and observation pier underneath the Marler Bridge along with multimodal facilities from the Zerbe Street and Calhoun Avenue intersection, south along the west right-of-way of Calhoun Avenue, west along Harbor Boulevard (US 98), and south under the Marler Bridge to the existing harbor boardwalk.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will resolve significant pedestrian traffic and safety issues in a heavily developed area of Destin, directly adjacent to the Marler Bridge. In the project area, thousands of pedestrians currently intersect with the significant traffic stream on U.S. 98 (40,000 vehicles per day). This project will severely reduce or remove these vehicle-pedestrian interactions. The project will substantially improve public safety and will remove one of the sources of regional congestion on U.S. 98. The project will also enhance commercial activity on Destin Harbor and Choctawhatchee Bay.

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

The planning, permitting, design and construction of a full recreational pedestrian underpass.

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

Enhanced public safety, recreation, and improved commercial activity and access.

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

Because the project is at the Marler Bridge, the project impact is regional. Removing the significant pedestrian traffic stream from US 98 will have a positive effect on congestion in the area. For residents both inside and outside of the City of Destin, the improvements under this request will enhance the visitor experience along Destin Harbor and Choctawhatchee Bay.

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

Project success will include the removal of thousands of pedestrian crossings from the US 98 traffic stream.

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?

Withdrawal of funds.

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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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