



Beach Management Funding Assistance Program
Local Government Funding Request
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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Sponsor	St. Johns County		
Federal ID Number (FEID)	59600825		
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Additional Contact Information

PART II: CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information provided with this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Local Sponsor

Electronic or scanned signatures accepted.

Printed Name	Damon Douglas	Date	Jul 30, 2021
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PART III: EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Project Name: (as listed in the Strategic Beach Management Plan)

North Ponte Vedra Beach and Dune Restoration, St Johns County R-16.4 through R-46.2

2. Project Description: Include county, location with reference to DEP range monuments, brief project history, and description of proposed activities.

St. Johns County has been conducting a locally-funded project since October 28, 2019 consisting of feasibility analyses, permitting, final design and construction for North Ponte Vedra Beach (R-16.4 to R-46), which has experienced significant erosion from hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Work will include a beach management needs assessment, environmental characterization of the beach and offshore, reconnaissance and detailed level borrow area investigations, project alternatives analysis (including cost effectiveness), selection of appropriate beach management alternatives on a reach by reach basis, permitting and final design of the selected alternatives, and construction.

The County has secured an FDEP permit for the work, along with a draft borrow area lease from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and a draft permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Board of County Commissioners allocated \$3,500,000 for the proposed work. The State legislature has matched us \$3,500,000. The Commission has amended the Tourist Development Tax Ordinance to levy an additional 1% tax and a Municipal Service Benefit Unit Ordinance has been enacted to allow for additional funding options. In its FY 2019-2020 budget, the State of Florida appropriated \$500,000 in matching funds for a portion of the \$1,300,000 design and permitting costs.

St. Johns County is asking for monies from the State to fund the \$300,000 gap in expenditures to reach final design, and additional funding for project construction.



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3. Use of Requested Program Funds: Provide a brief description of tasks to be completed in each requested phase (Feasibility, Design, Construction, Monitoring, or USACE Multiphase). Indicate which tasks are cost reimbursement from previous fiscal years.

Funds requested for FY2022/23 will support the final design, construction, and post construction monitoring of the selected beach management action. Post monitoring will include physical monitoring (i.e., collection and analysis of beach and borrow area surveys) and biological monitoring (turtle nest monitoring, beach tilling, and scarp removal) required by FDEP permit 0340616-003-JC.

4. Map: Provide as an attachment. The map(s) of the project area must be formatted at a minimum of 1" = 200' scale and include a compass rose and legend.

Map elements must include:

1. **Project boundary:** DEP reference monuments and shoreline designated as critically eroded
2. **Eligibility:** Indicate lengths of eligible shoreline based on criteria outlined in Chapter 62B-36.007, F.A.C.
 - a. Beach access locations: indicate primary or secondary access, and include the shoreline length, number and location of auto parking spaces, mass transit stops, bike parking spaces, and public restroom facilities within 1/4 mile walking distance of each access
 - b. Public lodging establishments: include the length fronting the project shoreline, and include the length of street-side frontage for lodging within 1/4 mile walking distance of a secondary beach access location
3. **Recreational benefits:** Comprehensive list of current land use designations of properties fronting the project shoreline
4. **Value of upland property:** Include one-quarter mile buffer and provide a comprehensive list of the values of properties (data from year 2020) that are enclosed or intersected by the buffer. The 2020 property value tax roll data and ArcGIS shapefiles can be obtained from the Department of Revenue website: https://floridarevenue.com/property/Pages/DataPortal_RequestAssessmentRollGISData.aspx. See Guidance Document for more information.

5. Project length: Total restored project length (in feet) of the critically eroded area (as listed in the Strategic Beach Management Plan).

Total project length in critical erosion area = 5,171 ft (R-26 through R-31)



- **Location/Access Name:** Use the official name of the park or road that is associated with the public access.
- **DEP Reference Monument:** Use the DEP monument that is closest to the main public access location.
- **Type of Access:** Indicate Primary or Secondary beach access in accordance with the definitions in Chapter 62B-36, F.A.C.
- **Width of Access/Frontage:** The length of the legal boundary (in feet) of the public access or lodging along the beach project shoreline. For public lodging establishments that do not front the beach, indicate the street-side length of the legal property boundary (in feet) that is used as the main access to the establishment.
- **Number of Eligible Units:** A unit is defined as one automobile parking space, one rental unit in a public lodging establishment, one mass transit stop, or four bicycle parking spots.
- **Additional Width from Eligible Units:** Total distance (feet) added to the Width of Access/Frontage. If there are multiple types of eligibility units used for this calculation, show the calculation separately for each.
- **Total Eligible Shoreline:** Sum of the Width of Access/Frontage and Additional Width from Eligible Units columns. Eligible shorelines cannot overlap.
- **Website Link for DBPR License:** Provide the link to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) website for proof of licensure for any public lodging establishments used for eligibility or the Recreational Benefits ranking criteria.

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- 7. Schedule and Budget:** Provide as a separate attachment, if needed. Clearly indicate project phase: Feasibility (F), Design (D), Construction (C), Monitoring (M), or USACE Multiphase (USACE). Include the year of post-construction monitoring in the description.
- **Cost Reimbursement:** Specify eligible costs incurred during the three years prior to the current application's fiscal year that are not in a current DEP agreement and have not been reimbursed (this includes fiscal years 19/20, 20/21, and 21/22). Eligible costs will be added to the current funding request.
 - **Current and Future Costs:** Specify eligible costs for the current application's fiscal year that are not in a current DEP agreement and have not been reimbursed as well as the estimated costs for the next 4 years. Note: If Construction costs are requested in the current fiscal year, then the Year 1 Post-Construction Monitoring costs will be added to the current funding request.

Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Description	Federal Cost	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost
19/20	Design	Beach and Borrow Area design and permitting		26,557.04	239,013.37	265,570.41
19/20						
19/20						
20/21						
20/21						
20/21						
21/22						
21/22						
21/22						
22/23	Design	Final design of the selected beach management actions		24,701	225,299	250,000
22/23	Construction	Construction of beach and dune resoration		3,458,194	31,541,806	35,000,000
22/23	Monitoring	Physical Monitoring		9,881	90,119	100,000
23/24	Monitoring	Physical Monitoring		10,869	99,131	110,000
23/24	Monitoring	Biological Monitoring		15,315	139,685	155,000
23/24						



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Fiscal Year	Project Phase	Description	Federal Cost	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost
24/25	Monitoring	Physical Monitoring		11,857	108,143	120,000
24/25	Monitoring	Biological Monitoring		15,809	144,191	160,000
24/25						
25/26						
25/26						
25/26						
26/27						
26/27						
26/27						

8. Tourism-related impacts: Criteria is calculated by the Department using 2020 data. For reference, tax data can be obtained from the Department of Revenue website: https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/pages/colls_from_7_2003.aspx. See Guidance Document for more information.

- ☒ Current funding request includes construction and year one post-construction monitoring
☐ Project is managed by two or more counties

Additional comments

9. Federal involvement: The documentation to verify authorization, federal cost share percentage, and status of funding award must be provided with the application materials for the award of points.

Is the project Federally authorized by the USACE?

No

Authorization Year:

Expiration Year:

Does this project have a signed USACE Chief's report or Civil Works Congressional authorization for the requested phase?

No

USACE federal cost share percentage for this project (excluding FCCE):



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Select all that apply for the requested project phase(s) and include documentation with application materials.

- ☐ Executed USACE project agreement
- ☐ Included in USACE work plan
- ☒ Approved FEMA Project Worksheet
- ☐ Included in Congressional Appropriations Act
- ☐ Other documentation:

10. Storm damage reduction benefits: Criteria is calculated by the Department.

What is the volume (cy) of advanced nourishment lost since the last sand placement event of a beach restoration or nourishment project as measured above the Mean High Water contour? Data should be consistent with the annual post-construction monitoring reports.

n/a

For restoration projects, what is the historical erosion rate?

Department to calculate

11. Cost effectiveness: Criteria is calculated by the Department. A project design analysis and supporting documentation must be provided with the application materials for the award of points. See Guidance Document for more information.

What is the proposed sand placement volume (cy)?

1,500,000 CY

What is the nourishment interval (years)?

Single placement event

Select all that apply for the current project funding request:

- ☐ Enhanced longevity: Propose structural or design components that could extend the beach nourishment interval
- ☒ Dune addition: Incorporate new or enhanced dune structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation projects
- ☐ Innovative technology: Propose innovative technologies designed to reduce project costs
- ☐ Regionalization: Two or more local sponsors manage projects together or projects propose regional sediment management strategies to conserve sand resources or reduce project costs

Additional comments
for storm damage
reduction benefits and
cost effectiveness



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12. Previous state commitment

Has the Department previously reviewed, approved, and cost-shared on a feasibility or design phase for this project?

Has the current proposed project phase(s) received a partial state appropriation within 3 years of phase completion?

Additional comments

13. Accessible beach area: Criteria is calculated by the Department. Provide additional information for consideration.

Describe the landward and seaward edge of the accessible beach width

Provide the project boundaries (R-monuments)

Provide citations of reference sources

14. Recreational benefits: Provide the percentage of linear footage within the project boundaries which is zoned recreational or open space; for commercial use; or to allow for public lodging establishment, or the equivalent. Provide additional documentation and DBPR website link in a separate attachment, if needed.

15. Mitigation of inlet effects: Criteria is calculated by the Department.

Additional comments

16. Successive unfunded requests

Is the current proposed project phase(s) a successive, unfunded request? If so, how many years of successive request(s) is the current application?

Does the successive request add the construction phase?



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17. Environmental habitat enhancement: Criteria is calculated by the Department. See Guidance Document for more information.

Is the project within a designated critical habitat area for threatened or endangered species that is subject to extensive shoreline armoring?

No

Is the project within a non-designated area where extensive shoreline armoring threatens the habitat of threatened or endangered species?

No

If yes to either of the above, does the project exceed best management practices to incorporate turtle-friendly designs and management strategies to protect resources or benefit critical habitat preservation?

No

Provide an explanation and supporting documentation for the strategies which exceed best management practices

n/a

18. Readiness to construct

Does the project have an active state permit?

Yes

Does the project have an active federal permit?

No

Permit number

0377843-001-JC

Permit number

applied

Authorization date

April 12, 2021

Authorization date

Expiration date

April 12, 2036

Expiration date

Have all necessary easements been acquired for the upcoming or proposed construction phase?

No

Has the necessary local funding been secured for the proposed project? If so, provide a copy of the draft Resolution. The signed Resolution is due by September 21, 2021.

Yes

Is an Erosion Control Line established along the project length?

No

Additional comments for readiness to construct

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Provide additional information and comments below or attach supporting documents.