

FY2025/2026 Local Government Funding Request

Final Inlet Project Assessment

Project Name	East Pass IMP Implementation
Local Sponsor	Okaloosa County

Initial Assessment	9/4/2024
Group Assessment	9/4/2024
Draft Assessment	9/4/2024
Final Review	10/8/2024

Project Description
The East Pass IMP Implementation Project is located between DEP monuments R-17 and V-621A in Okaloosa County. East Pass is located adjacent to Destin, FL, approximately 45 miles east of Pensacola and approximately 50 miles northwest of Panama City. Separating Santa Rosa Island to the west and Destin to the east, East Pass is a structured inlet that provides a direct tidal link between the Gulf of Mexico and Choctawhatchee Bay. The East Pass Federal navigation channels require frequent maintenance dredging to alleviate shoaling of sediment within the channel. Maintenance of the East Pass channels is necessary for public recreational opportunities and commercial use. The updated inlet management plan (2010) reports that the USACE has dredged approximately 2,352,600 cubic yards (cy) of material from East Pass since 1986. The frequency of dredging ranges between one and three years, with a historic, average annual dredge rate of approximately 98,000 cy/year. Notably, federal budget constraints have since eliminated operations and maintenance dredging operations of non-deepwater ports, removing East Pass and Destin Harbor from the USACE project list. The requested funds are for Design. Staff have determined that the project is eligible for a 50% Cost Share.

Funds will be used for (list project phase, specify which phase is reimbursement, if applicable)
25/26 FY Design

State cost share %	50.00%
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Project Budget Table					
	State %	Federal	State	Local	Total
Feasibility	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Design	50.00%	\$0	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$640,000
Construction	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Year 1 Monitoring	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Year 2+ Monitoring	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Project Costs		\$0	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$640,000

TOTAL PROJECT SCORE (80 points)	33.3
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Sand reaching the inlet (10 points)	Score	3.7
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Local Sponsor: 54,000 cy

Department: Calculated by CEG

Volume of sand: 37,000 cy

Severity of erosion (10 points)	Score	0
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Local Sponsor: 82,000 cy

Department: 2013 IMP removed the annual bypassing objective

Target bypassing volume: 0

Balancing the sediment budget (10 points)	Score	8.6
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Local Sponsor: 33,900

Department: The annual average target bypassing is 44,417 cy/yr. For the 24 year period from adoption of the IMP in 2000 through 2024, the inlet has bypassed on average 38,181 cy/yr, or 86% of this target.

CEG calculated value: 86%

Increased bypassing improvements (10 points)	Score	10
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Local Sponsor: 36,933 CY (Alternative A, 2022 Feasibility Study), 0 CY
(33,900 CY + 36,933 CY = 70,833 CY > 54,000 CY)

Department: A proposed of an annualized increase in sand bypassing (36,933 cy/yr) has been accepted by the Department.

CEG calculated value: 10

Cost-effectiveness of using inlet sand (10 points)	Score	0
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Local Sponsor: No

Department: Verified

Inlet Management Plans

Existing IMP (5 points)	Score	5
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Local Sponsor: Yes

Department: Verified

Updated IMP (5 points)	Score	0
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Local Sponsor: No

Department: Verified

New IMP (10 points)	Score	0
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Local Sponsor: No

Department: Verified

Enhanced longevity of proximate beach projects (10 points)	Score	2.08
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Local Sponsor: 100,000 cy

Department: Since the 2000 IMP there has been 203,100 cy placed on the West Destin Beach Project to the East of the inlet. The bypass amount from the inlet dredging is 975,829 cy of this amount which is 20.8% of the total fill amount.

CEG calculated value: 20.80%

Criteria in 161.101(14) applicable to inlets

Active permits (1 point)	Score	1
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Local Sponsor: State: 028799-003-JC (exp 2/26/2030) Federal: SAJ-2007-04911 (exp 5/11/2026)

Department: Verified

Federal funds available (3 points)	Score	0
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Local Sponsor: No

Department:

Total amount of previous state funding (4 points)	Score	0.89
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Local Sponsor: N/A

Department: Fiscal year 2015/2016 through 2024/2025

Total funds: \$262,501

Secured local funds (2 points)	Score	2
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Local Sponsor: Yes, signed resolution submitted with application.

Department:

Draft Resolution was submitted by application deadline.