Port Manatee, FL
Manatee Harbor

FY 2020 Appropriations Requirement and Request

In FY 2019 the Corps’ Jacksonville District received $3.845 million for Manatee Harbor Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

The FY 2020 amount requested is $3.378 million.

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FY20 Appropriations Request

**All information must be complete, and submitted electronically to the office no later than March 25, 2019. Please use one request per form.**

1. **Project Title:** Manatee Harbor, FL
2. **Requestor:** Port Manatee
3. **Point of contact:** Dave Sanford
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4. **Appropriations Bill:**
5. **Agency:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
6. **Account:** Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
7. **Program:** Operation and Maintenance
8. **Amount Requested:** $3,378,000
   a. **Is this Authorized:** YES X NO
   b. **At what Level:** Full Funding
9. **Amount in the President’s Budget for FY20:** $230,000
10. **Amount included in FY19 Bill/Enacted:** $3,845,000
11. **Description and Justification:**
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12. Requested Bill Language:

Of such sums requested, $378,000 to be made available for the mitigation of the disposal of dredge materials at the Washington Park disposal site.

13. Requested Report Language:

There is to be available $3,378,000 for the USACE to conduct maintenance dredging of Manatee Harbor.
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