



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1573

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Palatka, a REDI community, needs to complete Phase II, which includes mill and resurface St Johns Avenue from the 400 block through the 1100 Block, ADA compliant sidewalks, sharrows to increase bicyclist safety, site amenities such as bike racks and benches to improve the walk-ability for pedestrians, and landscaping to provide shade canopy as well as visually enhancing traffic calming measures. One in Ten Palatka residents live in public housing and 43.2 % of the residents live in poverty. Jobs are scarce. Property values and tax revenues are too low to adequately support renewal and enhancement to the infrastructure to improve the quality of life. Phase I is now complete and included installing brick at each intersection for traffic calming and pedestrian safety as well as ADA compliant curbing.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	150,000	5%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	137,945	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,787,945	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	0	1,302,816	1989A	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.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

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

\$499,397.27 as a pass through from Putnam County. Used for Public Safety Personnel Costs; Employee leave due to Covid; telecommunications system and Commission Chamber Infrastructure to facilitate remote working, governmental business and public meetings; and PPE. \$5,234,421 in ARPA funding, \$2.69 million of this was allocated toward potable water; the remainder is PPE; Emergency Responder Communication Equipment; broadband; public educational; as well as health and safety programs.

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

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.

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	Construction	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Mill and Resurface St Johns Avenue from the 400 block through the 1100 Block, install ADA compliant curbing and sidewalks, sharrows to increase bicyclist safety, site amenities such as bike racks and benches to improve the walk-ability for pedestrians, and landscaping to provide shade canopy as well as visually enhancing traffic calming measures.

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

To connect one of the most distressed neighborhoods within a City already designated as an area of critical economic concern to the Post office, Police and Fire stations, Downtown Shopping and Riverfront Park recreational space while improving the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

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

The target population served by this project is the population of the City of Palatka and more specifically one of the most distressed neighborhoods within the City. The improvements to the St. John's Avenue business district corridor will create a safe alternative to driving to services located within the business district corridor.

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

The benefits to this project include improved physical health due to the option of alternatives to driving, improved transportation conditions and options; increased economic activity due to the increase in walkability of the downtown corridor; and increased tourism by the connection to and possible expansion of the trails within the City. These will be measured by the increase in pedestrian and cyclist traffic and the decrease of vehicular speeding due to the traffic calming measures; tracking the occupied rate in the downtown buildings; and Measuring the activity on the City's trails and the expansion of the trails to include the upgraded St. John's corridor.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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)



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- Local Entity
- 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