



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1417

1. **Title of Project:** Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT) is a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian facility that also serves as a recreation and alternative transportation corridor for the Florida Keys. The trail features more than 70 miles of existing trail paved in segments along a planned, 106-mile corridor from Key Largo to Key West. Much of the trail has been completed, except for the section between mile markers 16-20, the "Sugarloaf section." This is the largest, unfinished segment of the trail. It has experienced long delays due to shoreline erosion, design issues, and lack of funding. Because it is a large segment, the County has supported phasing its construction. In 2018, the State funded the design and permitting, which is underway and will be completed in the Spring of 2019. The project is being designed so that the construction can be completed in three discrete phases; each phase will cost approximately \$3m. We are requesting \$3m in funding to construct the first phase.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Transportation

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	3,000,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		742,000		No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 3,000,000

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of Overseas Heritage Trail, Phase One, Sugarloaf Section.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

We are requesting funding to complete one of the last, unfinished segment of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail. This trail is an important recreational and alternative transportation corridor that connects the Key Largo to Key West. While much of the trail in the upper Keys has been completed, the segment in the lower Keys between MM 16-20 has experienced years of delays. The FKOHT provides a showcase of the state's and the Keys' environmental resources and attracts hundreds of thousands of users annually. These outstanding merits of the trail cannot be fully realized until it's complete from end to end. The incomplete segment also poses safety hazards to trail users. The design and permitting was funded last year and will be completed this spring. The project has been designed so that construction can occur in three different phases. This is a request for funding for the construction of the first phase.

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

FKOHT is a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian facility that serves as a recreational and alternative transportation corridor for the Florida Keys. Paralleling U.S. Highway 1, which is designated as a National Scenic Highway and All-American Road, this recreational pathway incorporates 23 of the historic Flagler Railroad bridges, offering a scenic venue for hiking, running, bicycling, skating, sightseeing, fishing, and paddling. The trail and its historic bridges provide a beneficial, alternative transportation route that links the Keys' island communities. It is also a valuable tourist attraction. The unfinished section is dangerous to the trail's many users, and must be completed to ensure safety for residents and tourists.



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c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The trail and its historic bridges provide an important recreational venue, a valuable tourist attraction, and a beneficial, alternative transportation route that links the Keys' island communities. The trail serves as a showcase for statewide environmental and ecological attractions throughout the Keys, including the Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge.

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

The trail serves the local Keys' residents and businesses, and also the millions of tourists that visit the Keys each year.

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

Completion of the construction of the first phase of the Sugarloaf segment of the FKOHT.

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 in the contract?

Standard contract penalties.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail is part of US 1, owned by Florida Department of Transportation.

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- a. Organization:** Monroe County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County:** Monroe
- c. Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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