



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1167

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Naples Pathway Coalition (NPC) has dedicated itself to fast-tracking the construction of the Paradise Coast Trail (PCT). The 70-mile, multi-use pathway will provide a trail to walk safe, run safe, and bike safe for commuting and recreation. The PCT will provide the community an avenue to enrich physical and mental wellbeing in a safe outdoor environment while reducing its carbon footprint. The project has been endorsed by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (MPO) but a feasibility study for the proposed trail corridor is necessary to proceed. Unfortunately, funding for the study through local government will not be available for a minimum of five years. The NPC is currently raising awareness and \$350,000 of funds to move the project forward. Once the study is completed the PCT will be eligible for state funding for the design, engineering and construction, and allowing application by the Collier County MPO and Transportation Planning to proceed.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="250,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="250000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="71.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="29"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineer - Consultants to perform feasibility study of the PCT alignment which is necessary to move forward with building the trail.	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

An engineering firm will be retained to determine the placement of the trail with the least impact on the environment and the most cost-effective method to build by utilizing existing easements in areas heavily used by commuters in the county. The feasibility study will provide for a north/south trail that will align with the Florida Sun Trail and an east/west trail that will connect and serve residents throughout the county. The PCT will have Collier Area Transit stops at intersections along the trail allowing more options to travel and combining public transit and non-motorized transportation. City, county, and state parks will be easily accessible with the trail to further recreational options. Schools and shopping centers are also within the proposed corridor providing options for those that have no other means of transportation and those that wish to reduce their carbon footprints.

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

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

The trail will safely connect people from their homes to their intended destinations. There will be a drop in vehicle vs. pedestrian and cyclist crashes and this will reduce the injuries and fatalities in Collier County. People will have the option to safely bike and walk to work, run errands, exercise, etc. Lives will be saved, the community will become healthier, traffic will lighten, and stress levels will diminish. Trails are promoted as a healthy option for Americans by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People who walk 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week have a 30% lower risk of cardiovascular disease. Individuals and families at modest to lower socioeconomic levels often lack the fitness centers and recreational pathways compared to those living in upper income, gated communities enjoy. These individuals rely on inexpensive or free recreation and exercise options that a safe trail system provides.

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

Every resident in Collier County including high risk commuters cyclists, and students in need of safe non-motorized transportation, those seeking free, individual and family recreation, exercise, improvement of mental health, communing with nature, and new business opportunities along the trail.

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

The Paradise Coast Trail will contribute to the safety, health and well-being of all ages, ethnicities, abilities, and income levels. Florida leads the nation in the number of pedestrian and cyclist fatalities every year. Collier County has the highest percentage in the state of people who have a bicycle as their sole means of transportation. Often these people are service workers who ride significant distances to work on busy roadways before sunrise and after sunset wearing dark colored uniforms. A 2014 study by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization identified this segment of the population as the one most frequently involved in bicycle crashes and fatalities. Injuries and fatalities statistics will be reduced in Collier County..

### 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 will be sufficient.



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12. **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.**

Collier County

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.