



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2819

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Due to Hurricane Ian, Lee County suspended tolls on all three bridges for the month of October and continued suspension on the Sanibel bridge for November and December. Suspension of tolls resulted in a \$4.5 million loss of revenue to Lee County. This request for replacement revenue will enable continued operations of the bridge, payment of bond covenants, and fulfillment of agreements for revenue sharing with the cities of Cape Coral and Sanibel.

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	4,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,500,000

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)	4,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	4,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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



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Lee County used CARES Act - \$168.5m, Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) 2021 - \$23.3m, and ARPA - \$188m for household rent, mortgage, utilities, childcare, food distribution assistance; for small businesses relaunch, mitigation of the spread of the virus, and technical assistance; for local programs for public health, behavioral health, workforce training, affordable housing, homelessness services, educational disparities; and for County infrastructure projects

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	This request is to offset the toll revenue loss experienced by Hurricane Ian. Funding will be used to offset the loss in the County operating budget directly tied to the operations of the toll bridges.	4,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,500,000

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?

Operation of the toll bridges in Lee County, including personnel costs, maintenance, and coverage of covenants and the required debt ratio.

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

Use of bridges.

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

General (the majority of funds will benefit no specific group)

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

Funding will be used to keep the operations of the toll funded bridges in Lee County running with the revenue needed to include personnel costs, maintenance and to ensure bond covenants and the required debt ratio is covered. If funds are allocated the County can report where the funds were used within the County's toll operations.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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