



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3571

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hardee County needs to provide safe transportation modes for the public to protect life of citizenry and visitors. Fish Branch Bridge is a 40-year-old wooden structure that must be replaced with a new FDOT approved facility. A new safe bridge with the appropriate load regulations is imperative. Contractual services needed include preliminary engineering, design, bidding, permitting, contract administration, management services, construction engineering, and inspection services and quality acceptance reviews of all work associated with the construction of the associated improvements. The services performed shall be in accordance with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and FDOT Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction, and Maintenance for Streets and Highways.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	650,000
Total State Funds Requested	650,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	650,000	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 2024-2025	650,000	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?



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

Received: \$5,232,196; Funds used for eligible COVID-19 public health expenses (i.e., vaccinations, payroll, counseling/services, shelter mods., etc.), administration reporting/ equitable outcome/community engagement expenses, and capital investing in public facilities (i.e., broadband, HVAC/filter-related, productivity tech/software, facilities sanitation, etc.).

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
 N/A

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.

Hardee County is both owner and 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	Contractual services for preliminary engineering, design, permitting, bidding, contract administration, project management, construction engineering, inspection, and construction services	650,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		650,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Protection of life, health, and safety with improved safe modes of transportation for the community will be achieved with the replacement of the 40-year-old wooden Fish Branch Bridge. The funds will be used to design and construct a new FDOT approved bridge.

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

Contractual services through the county's procurement policy for preliminary engineering, design, bidding, permitting, administration, project management, engineering during construction, inspection, and construction services.

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

Direct services to citizens are safe, secure, and reliable transportation facility for public use.

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

Hardee County, which is a financially disadvantaged community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes), citizenry, visitors, tourists, business community, and surrounding areas. Greater than 27,000 individuals expected to be served.

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

To have a safe mode of transportation for a well-built bridge for the citizens' use as per the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) bridge design criteria and permitting.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementation of corrective action plan.

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