



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1638

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project is to design and construct improvements to Wheeler Street between Alabama Street and Spencer Street through downtown for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This will increase mobility, safety, and aesthetics of this major artery through the historic downtown area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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 2024-2025	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes

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



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CARES Act - \$6,000,000 - through Hillsborough County for building, safety, and technology improvements.
 ARPA - \$19,900,000 - for governmental and enterprise fund infrastructure improvements.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

January 2027

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.

The City of Plant City is the roadway/rights-of-way owner, the project owner, and the final improvements owner.

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	Design and construction of improvements to improve traffic and pedestrian mobility and safety through historic downtown.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funding is to provide design and construction of improvements to Wheeler Street through historic downtown Plant City to improve traffic and pedestrian mobility and safety. An improved transportation roadway will provide the public with safer and more efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian areas.

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?

An improved transportation roadway will provide the public with safer and more efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian areas.

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

This project will provide an improved transportation corridor for the City's 43,000 residents, its businesses, and visitors.

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

Improvements support enhanced safety and increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic generated by continued growth of the area, measurable by increased traffic counts and reduced crashes and injuries.

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?

If the City fails to complete the proposed project, the City would reimburse any appropriations funds received for the project.

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) municipal government

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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