



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3225

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	5,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,500,000</b>

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)	5,500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>5,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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### 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2025

**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.**

Town of Montverde, 17404 Sixth Street, Montverde, FL 34756  
 The project lies within the right of way of Lake County roads; however, the trail project will be maintained and managed by the Town of Montverde.

**13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for the planning and construction of the trail.	5,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,500,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The proposed project will connect the Cross Florida Trail (South Lake Trail) in Clermont to the Town of Montverde, The Lake Apopka Blueway, Montverde Trail, the Ferndale Preserve, all in proximity to the Florida Wildlife Corridor. The proposed trail connector utilizes existing ROW and is thus "Shovel Ready." The trail will provide an additional 7 miles to the length of the 17.2-mile Lake Apopka Loop.

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



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Access to trails for recreation and better connections to other Central Florida amenities. The project will provide a critical link between the Cross Florida Trail (A leading State priority) and the "River to Hills" trail.

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

The trail will provide citizens access to more cycling, walking, running, and other outdoor activities while better connecting the community. This project will promote economic prosperity. Trail usage increases adjacent property values by 30-percent. Lake County depends on trail usage for tourist development and sales taxes.

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

The target population served by this project will include elderly persons, economically disadvantaged persons, and the general population. We expect over 800 individuals 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?**

Expected benefits of this project include:

Improve physical health: A method to measure the improved cardiovascular health may be measuring the heart rates manually of individuals before the trail is constructed, and again six months after the trail has been constructed. The comparison of the heart rates would confirm whether heart rates have improved.

**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?**

The Town does not anticipate failing to meet deliverables or performance measures. However, in the unlikely event that it does, the Town acknowledges there are standard penalties.

**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)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number