



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1055

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Manatee County intends to complete a continuous route from the County's gulf coast to East Manatee County. This project is the final connection over I-75 that will allow 44th Avenue to function as a four-lane, parallel reliever for State Roads 64 and 70. The completed thoroughfare is expected to support anticipated growth and capacity needs to help maintain the County's adopted levels of service by alleviating demand on these State facilities. This project is part of the County's 2045 Future Traffic Circulation Plan and will include divided roadway with sidewalks, bike lanes/multi-use path, street lighting, and the overpass over I-75 connecting to Lakewood Ranch Blvd. This project faces escalating costs currently estimated at \$117.5 million due to inflation and global supply chain pressures. The funding request is to provide financial support to the project's costs that will help keep this vital capacity project on schedule.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>10,000,000</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)	10,000,000	9%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	4,000,000	3%
Local	103,500,000	88%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>117,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	4,000,000	2042A	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No  Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Local option fuel tax, transportation impact fees, and local option infrastructure sales tax.

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.**

Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four primary groups in the community including residents, business owners, nonprofits, local government partner agencies, and community partners. Manatee County has been designated a recipient of \$78 million from the American Rescue Plan. Federal funds have not been assigned to support this project.

## 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.**

Manatee County Government.

### 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 expended primarily for new construction (some reconstruction and widening) of 44th Avenue East from Creekwood Boulevard to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard in Manatee County. The widening will provide a of four-lane divided roadway with bicycle and pedestrian amenities.	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The specific purpose of this project is to widen an extend an existing two-lane thoroughfare to four-lanes to provide (1) additional east/west road capacity to meet current and anticipated growth in Manatee County, (2) a parallel reliever to the "build-out" State roads (SR64 and SR70), and (3) a continuous route from the gulf coast to East Manatee County.

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

Construction of approximately two miles of roadway improvements on 44th Avenue East, from Creekwood Boulevard to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard.

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

Increase east-west roadway capacity in Manatee County, which will reduce congestion on parallel sections of State Roads 64 and 70 including their respective interchanges at I-75. Additionally, provide a continuous route from the gulf coast to East Manatee County.

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

The project will serve all individuals who live and travel in and around the project area. Based on the County's 2045 traffic projections there is anticipated to be approximately 30,000 daily trips on this proposed roadway segment.

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

Additional capacity for 36,000 vehicles per day in a 4.3-mile corridor and reduction in demand on the parallel state roads by 15,000 to 21,000 vehicles per day, thus reducing congestion and eliminating an anticipated demand for a total two additional lanes on these "built-out" State facilities. Benefit estimated by comparing travel demand model output for build and no-build scenarios. Benefit estimated by comparing travel demand model output for build and no-build scenario using the CUBE-based FSUTMS travel demand model applied to MPO's 2035 LRTP datasets.

**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?**

Funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

**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)



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

**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**