



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1349

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is for the city to acquire 83 acres of land currently owned by Central Florida Expressway to be used as a passive park and protect the conservation easement. The land to be acquired is within the designated 2023 Florida Forever Priority list and ranked as #4 Wekiva-Ocala Greenway and is in an area that would otherwise be quickly developing. Orange County, St John's River Water Management District and the state of Florida all already currently have land in the area.

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	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</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)	2,500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>5,000,000</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?



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

## 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?

7/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/1/2024

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.

Current owner of the land to be acquired is the Central Florida Expressway. This is land that is excess no longer needed for Wekiva Parkway. City of Apopka would then own this property.

### 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	Purchase of land for future development.	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The funds will be matched with city funds to acquire the land.

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

Payment to Central Florida Expressway for Land and administrative costs that would accompany it.



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

Passive Park space to preserve and conserve the natural beauty in central Florida and prevent from over development.

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

City of Apopka, Orange and Lake Counties.

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

Preservation of natural landscape in the Wekiva-Ocala Greenway and listed 4th on the 2023 Florida Forever Priority list. Success will be measured over the years by seeing how this acquisition so close a main roadway remains a conservation site.

**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?**

None.

**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   
 e. E-mail Address   
 f. Phone Number

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number