



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2152

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the project is to replace 9,500 (ninety-five hundred) linear feet of sidewalk in the City of Belle Glade, in order to minimize interaction between vehicles and pedestrians in the community by providing a safe walkway to places of employment, businesses, and general social interaction while accommodating changes in the local terrain. Communities in the Glades region are built over Florida muck, causing significantly higher infrastructural wear and tear as well as damage from the elements and extreme weather.

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	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	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?

No



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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?

08/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/01/2025

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.

Contractors retained by the Florida Department of Transportation, in accordance with Florida Law (Chapter 337.14 F.S.) and Rules of the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, (Chapter 14-22, F.A.C.)

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	Replacing 9,500 (ninety-five hundred) linear feet of sidewalk, in accordance with FDOT District 4 rules and guidelines, safety barriers, removal of damaged concrete segments, smoothing surfaces and curing the new sidewalk slabs, and any other activity defined in the FDOT contractor agreement.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Replaced sidewalks will accomplish several goals: 1) Enhanced public safety - according to FDOT studies, existing sidewalks reduce the likelihood of a pedestrian/car accident by 88.2%. In the 'Glades Region,' high poverty rates, while improving, continue to disproportionately affect the local population making private vehicle ownership unaffordable for most residents, resulting in significantly higher pedestrian traffic and subsequent fatal accidents relative to the rest of the county and the state; 2) Conduit to employers and places of business - before mentioned regional poverty and low vehicle ownership cause residents to rely on walking to get to work, places of business, and social interaction in general. Safe walkways that accommodate local terrain (muck) benefit employment and local economy; and 3) Health - walking significantly lowers rates of cardiovascular disease, obesity; and other issues.

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

Replacing 9,500 (ninety-five hundred) linear feet of sidewalk in the City of Belle Glade in accordance with FDOT District 4 rules and guidelines, requiring safety barriers around the work area, removing damaged concrete segment, smoothing surfaces and curing the new sidewalk slabs, and any other activity defined in the FDOT contractor agreement.

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

High rates of vehicular accidents involving pedestrians presently in Belle Glade result from the lack of sidewalks and safe walkways, causing foot traffic on the streets and right of ways. This appropriation project will provide 9,500 (ninety-five hundred) linear feet of safe and new walkways, resulting in fewer to no residents having to walk on the street among vehicle traffic.

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

There are approximately 17,000 (seventeen thousand) residents who will have access to the new walkways. Target population to be served consists of residents in low-income areas who do not own vehicles and rely primarily on walking for their transportation needs.

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

The quantifiable and measurable outcomes of this project will be the reduction of accidents involving cars and pedestrians in the city of Belle Glade that are currently some of the highest in the state of Florida.

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 contracting agency may consider liquidated damages based on a monthly audit after a written warning outlining the items that fail to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract has been discussed. If after 1 month a financial deduction would occur in the amount of \$1,000 per month until remediation has been achieved.

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



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- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) State Agency

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