



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2188

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Multi-modal roadway improvements to provide increased resiliency, safety and capacity for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic on approximately 1.4 miles of Laurel Road from Knights Trail Road to Jacaranda Boulevard, a hurricane evacuation route and main route to the nearby hospital and fire station . The project will also provide increased capacity for alternative routes to Interstate 75.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	8,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	16,000,000	100%

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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Sarasota County has received approximately \$222.8 million dollars of COVID-19 relief funding through the CARES Act, CRRSA, and ARPA. Funding was and is currently being used to respond to short/long term impacts including financially supporting impacted local businesses, individuals, non-profits, and municipal partners through the completed Sarasota CARES program; providing emergency rental assistance to landlords and tenants through the Sarasota ERA program and advancing affordable housing.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 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.

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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	Engineering, permitting, construction costs, right-of-way acquisition, environmental planning, and supervision of construction to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

In addition to relieving congestion and making the roadways safer as a hurricane evacuation route, it would enhance the quality of life of local citizens making the adjacent emergency facilities like the fire station and hospital easier to access. The road will be designed as a Complete Street, which is a concept that aims to integrate people, place and mobility for all roadway users into the planning, design, engineering, operating and maintenance of the transportation network. A multi-use recreational trail is also incorporated to enhance mobility for pedestrian and bicyclists.

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

Relief in traffic congestion and enhanced safety in the event of a hurricane or emergency situations will be the result of the funds appropriated. Laurel Road provides access to I-75 for hurricane evacuation but it also would serve as alternative connection east of the interstate alleviating traffic on I-75 on a daily basis. Major employers, like the PGT Custom Window + Doors, Tervis Tumbler, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, among others are also located along the corridor and the expansion of Laurel Road would relieve congestion for the thousands of employees and citizens in their commute.

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

All of Sarasota County residents and visitors in addition to travelers from adjacent counties and state travelers seeking alternative routes to the interstate system.

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

Increased safety, improved multi-modal access and capacity, upgraded stormwater facilities, enhanced aesthetics and reduced travel times to businesses and residential areas. These benefits and outcomes will be measured by responses to Sarasota County's annual citizen survey and traffic modeling to document capacity improvements.

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?

Performance bond, contract retainage and liquidated damages. In severe cases of failure, vendors may be placed on a no-bid prohibition for related contracting.

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)



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☐ 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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number