



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1056

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding support for the design, permitting, and construction of Fort Hamer Road from two-lanes to four-lanes. Fort Hamer is a primary reliever for I-75 congestion and incident management. The project includes two segments. The first is Fort Hamer Road from the Manatee River to U.S. 301; this project is reconstruction and widening 3.0 miles of existing two-lane road to four-lanes. The second extends from U.S. 301 to Moccasin Wallow Road. This 2.0-mile section was constructed as a two-lane road but designed and prepared for four lanes. The second project is for the additional two lanes on this 2.0-mile section.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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	18%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,500,000	4%
Local	45,000,000	78%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>57,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	2,500,000	2042A	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  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 use toward the design, permitting, and construction costs for the expansion of Fort Hamer Road from two-lanes to four-lanes.	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the requested funds is to provide financial support for the design, permitting, and construction of widening Fort Hamer Road from two-lanes to four-lane from the north side of the Ft. Hamer Bridge to Moccasin Wallow Road. Fort Hamer Road is a primary reliever for I-75 congestion and incident management. With continued growth east of I-75 in the County this project's goal is to alleviate congestion and increase capacity for north/south traffic demands.

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

Roadway capacity improvements for this thoroughfare corridor.

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

Traffic congestion relief, multimodal connectivity, improve roadway safety for vehicles and pedestrians, reduce commuting times, improve access to evacuation routes, and create job opportunities.

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

General population. The project will serve all individuals who live and travel in and around the project area. The current average annual daily traffic (AADT) for this section of roadway is over 13,000 trips and is expected to increase due to continued growth in the area.

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

The expected benefit of this project to increased level of service for the users of the roadway corridor and improve roadway safety. Traffic Information Systems Section will monitor, study, and collect traffic and accident (vehicle and pedestrian) data and include in the Sarasota-Manatee Regional Traffic Management (RTMC) quarterly and annual reports.

**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)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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