



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1486

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Harden and create a storm-ready barrier island city that Implements Senate Bill 796 (Chapter 366, Fla. Stat.) Consolidate efforts and support FDOT Complete Streets State-funded project and FDOT SR789 Cortez Bridge replacement. Shovel ready project for removal of overhead lines at a 2018 negotiated pricing schedule. Florida Power and Light is prepared to move forward with the project & contractors have been procured. The City is highly vulnerable to storm-related hazards from overhead power lines. State Road 789 is the only means of evacuation for northern Longboat Key and Southerly Anna Maria Island.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	17%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,000,000	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?**



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No

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)?

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.

Florida Power and Light, Spectrum, Verizon, and Comcast. Utility owners that provide service to the entities, residents, and tourists. FDOT will indirectly receive fixed capital outlay for the construction of the underground relocation for the Cortez SR789 Bridge and all power line removals and all easements for the Complete Street Project. Bradenton Beach would use the appropriation to secure all easements, remove obstructions in the ROW and remove overhead power lines for the SR789 improvement

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	Surveying, Design, Permitting, Bidding and Construction Engineering Inspection services, plus Project Construction including bollards, sidewalk re-installation, landscape replacement, conduit, wire, transformers, and like materials.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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SR 789/Gulf Drive is the only means for visitors and residents to get on and off Anna Maria Island. Burying lines eliminates weather-related power outages and provides more reliable service and greater resiliency per SB 796 - 366.96, Fla. Stat. Safety and Community Health Burying lines eliminates fire hazards, accidents, and safety risks from power outages due to downed lines. There have been two house fires and an electrocution from the past two hurricanes in the City from powerlines. Following Hurricane Ian, Bradenton Beach was the first barrier island city on Anna Maria to have its power restored due to the 2019 \$2,000,000 State Appropriation. . Most importantly, the funds will save FDOT funds and work to relocate the powerlines for the Cortez Bridge replacement and the Complete Street FDOT project for the SR789 corridor.

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

The complete conversion of current aerial facilities to underground. This includes the design, materials, construction, wreck-out of aerial facilities, and construction management. This project will have a dual benefit of creating a corridor of usable property without the need for property acquisition by the FDOT for the Complete Streets Project. The City of Bradenton Beach will acquire all easements and land acquisitions needed for the underground conversion and the impending FDOT Cortez SR789 Bridge Replacement.

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

Safer, more aesthetic and reliable system. Reduces the risk of limited mobility as a result of storm events/damage. Improve resiliency for power service to the residential and tourist community on a barrier island. The City of Bradenton Beach has become the staging site for after-storm first responders and FPL crews following the past two hurricane seasons due to the underground work in the South end of the City, which has allowed the south end and its business district to continue service with power. This will also eliminate the fires and electrocutions occurring from storm-downed lines. There have been two house fires in the City and an electrocution from the past two hurricane seasons on the north end where the power lines remain overhead.

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

Elderly, residents, businesses, tourists, and students. The City is mostly tourist populated with approximately 80% of the residences being rentals. There were nearly 3,500,000 visitors in Manatee County in 2022.

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

FDOT/FPL will save over \$1,000,000 for the work Bradenton Beach will do in preparation for the Cortez Bridge and Complete Streets with relocation of overhead lines, equipment, landscaping obstruction removal and securing of public ROW/Easements. Immeasurable benefit of providing a safe evacuation route from the Barrier Island for Bradenton Beach and Longboat Key along SR 789. Benefit of keeping power on during storm events for a tourist-driven area will increase visitors and tourist dollars to the area. The benefit of removing the power lines from the rights-of-way in very limited real estate (barrier island developed in 1957) provides huge opportunities to install stormwater drainage, wider and safer pedestrian and bicycle corridors (some streets do not have sidewalks in the beach community) and will enable a tram trail to connect the main business area of the City to a water-front beach parks that consists of more than 1/3 of the City along the Gulf of Mexico.

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?

Return unused funding 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



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern



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Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

Shovel Ready and Procured. Pending Funding.

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

40%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025