



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3078

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Lighting of 42 cross walks along Estero Boulevard from Crescent Street to Big Carlos Pass Bridge using FDOT Wildlife Lighting fixtures. This final phase of the reconstruction is being coordinated with the town's roadway lighting project that just received state grant funding. Cross walk lighting will allow both pedestrians and drivers clear line of sight when someone is crossing Estero Blvd. The lighting the county has designed is sea turtle friendly. Fort Myers Beach is an active turtle nesting area and plays host to large populations of endangered sea turtles.

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	3,669,710
Total State Funds Requested	3,669,710

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)	3,669,710	84%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	675,000	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,344,710	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?

Yes



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

\$134,459,744 - CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds used to provide community aid and government services. Expenditure and outcome reports located at <https://leeflcares.com/transparency#documents>

\$41,679,062.80 - Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1 & ERA2) for rent and utility assistance provided to income qualified residents.

\$149,675,549 - American Rescue Plan Act allocations at <https://www.leegov.com/ARPA/Documents/Approved%20ARPA%20Allocations%20May%202026%202023.pdf>

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?

September 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 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	Project will be competitively bid and Lee County will manage the contract deliverables.	3,669,710
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,669,710

14. Program Performance



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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?

The funds will be used to construct consistent cross walk lighting at 42 locations along Estero Blvd. The County will hire a contractor to complete the construction.

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

The Estero Blvd corridor includes a variety of retail and residential land uses. This project will provide a direct benefit to visitors and residents of the island crossing Estero Blvd

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

General (the majority of funds will benefit no specific group), benefits town's residents and visitors.

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

Benefit- The lighting the county has designed is sea turtle friendly. Ft. Myers Beach is an active turtle nesting area and plays host to a large population of endangered sea turtles. Methodology- Monitor the turtle activity and turtle crossings.

Benefit- Cross walk lighting will allow both pedestrians and drivers clear line of sight when someone is crossing Estero Blvd. methodology- Review pre & post lighting crash statistics.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment an/or contract termination.

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



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University or College

Other (please specify) Local Government

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