



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1915

1. **Title of Project:** Quiet Zones
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel
3. **Date of Submission:** 02/14/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**

Establishment of "quiet zones" will alleviate the impact caused by the opening of the CSX Intermodal Logistics Terminal in Winter Haven, with the shift in freight rail traffic from the "A" Line to the "S" Line to accommodate the operation of SunRail in the Orlando metro area. These two factors have caused an increase in the number of trains traveling through residential areas of Winter Haven. This has created a noise impact in residential areas in the western and southwestern portions of Winter Haven due the increased frequency and timing of trains sounding their horn at road crossings. Residents living within the area impacted by the train's horn have continuously complained to the city about the disruption in their home-lives and are seeking relief through quiet zones.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Transportation
State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,500,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No
10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The City is interested in establishing a quiet zone for 2 different stretches of the "S" Line - Coleman Road to N. Lake Shipp Drive for 1.54 miles and involves 5 crossings at \$650,000. The second area is American Superior Boulevard to Pollard Road for 2 miles and involves 6 crossings. Improvements are estimated \$850,000.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

With the implementation of Sun Rail and construction of the Intermodal Logistics Terminal, which moved freight from the A to S line, significant increases in train-horn noise has greatly impacted residents living in the area and will affect future housing opportunities. Home-life disruption is evident and regularly expressed with requests for quiet zones. Improvements within the public, and the CSX right-of-way, and improvements to the rail equipment are required to ensure an acceptable level of safety in quiet zones.

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

Implementation of two quiet zones creating enhanced safety features while reducing obtrusive noise.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Residents living within the area who have been impacted by the trains' horns will have the ability to enjoy their home-life through the creation of quiet zones.

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

Residents, rail travelers, and road travelers

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



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will be measured?

1. Improved physical health by removing the source of loud and disrupting train horns. Survey of residents to document change to sleep habits and interruptions. Conduct horn counts near intersections.
2. Improved transportation conditions by installing supplemental safety measures to improve vehicle safety at the crossings. Accident reports.
3. Improved quality of life by significantly reducing horn signals at intersections. Horn counts.
4. Stabilize real estate value of homes/property in vicinity of railroad. Evaluating Home/property values over time.

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 in the contract?

Funding withheld until deliverable is met.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Intersection roadway improvements are on local city and county roads. A portion of the improvements are on the track's technical crossing equipment located at the intersection and is owned by CSX.

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- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Local Government
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