



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1910

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The widening of Ortiz Avenue from SR 82 to Colonial Boulevard. The project consists of widening from a 2-lane road to a 4-lane road. The road will be designed to be an ultimate 6-lane facility, which will include enough right of way for both the expansion of the road and storm water requirements.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,500,000	20%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	18,500,000	80%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	23,000,000	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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Lee County received \$134,459,744 CARES Act funding from the US Treasury. The funds have been used for public safety, technology, community aid, and human services including assistance to individuals, businesses, and food banks. The funds have not been used for transportation or environmental projects.

11. 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	Funds will be used to pay the contractor that Lee County will hire to construct the roadway.	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

As one of the fastest growing metro areas in the state and the nation, Lee County is always in need of project funding to construct the road network. Lee County has \$166 million worth of projects underway to expand the road network and assist with congestion. Funding for Ortiz Avenue will assist Lee County with keeping the project on track.

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

Funds will be used to pay the contractor responsible for constructing the roadway. With assistance from the state, Lee County will be able to keep the project on track. Due to a decline in local option gas tax collection this project has a potential to not be funded in FY 2021/22 without the state assistance.

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

This segment of Ortiz Avenue is part of a much larger regional transportation corridor that connects from Palm Beach Boulevard (SR 80) to Summerlin Road near Sanibel, through the direct linkages of Ortiz Avenue to Six Mile Cypress Parkway, then to Gladiolus Drive, and finally to part of McGregor Boulevard. It also serves as a parallel reliever to I-75, helping to take local traffic off the interstate.

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

Ortiz Avenue has an average annual daily traffic count of 15,400 vehicles.

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

Lee County DOT measures the level of congestion on major arterials county-wide. The widening of Ortiz Avenue will help to relieve congestion on I-75. Average traffic data can be collected and reviewed after the widening is complete.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Funding for the construction may be removed if Lee County is not able to begin construction of the project within the fiscal year it is budgeted.

- 13. 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.**

Lee County is the owner of the project.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number