



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1689

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Request funding for the design and construction of Multi-Modal Improvements along Pennsylvania Avenue in Dunnellon, FL including a connection over the Rainbow River into Blue Run of Dunnellon Park as part of the Southwest Marion County Regional Recreation Plan. This is a two-part project established to provide safe and convenient access for citizens and visitors between downtown Dunnellon and the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park on the east side of the Rainbow River. Improvements include a buffered pedestrian/bike lane on the south side of Pennsylvania Ave. and a dedicated lane across the Rainbow River.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,537,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,537,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,537,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,537,000	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

CARES (\$63,790,716), ERA 1 (\$11,038,909), ERA 2 (\$3,493,828.92 received but expect another \$5,240,743.38) and ARPA (\$35,504,717.50 received but expect another \$35,504,717.50) Funds have been used to mitigated impacts of COVID 19 including but not limited to testing, vaccination, PPE, overtime, support for businesses, support for not-for-profits, support municipalities and rental assistance for families.

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	Preliminary Design/Environmental and Project Design/Survey	375,000
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	Construction and Construction Engineering/Inspection	2,162,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,537,000

12. Program Performance

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

To provide final design, permitting and construction funding for a project with regional impact in the ecotourism and local business sectors.

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

Removal of on-street parking, installation of buffers/planters between traffic lanes and the existing right-of-way, installation of protected crosswalks to allow users to safely cross Pennsylvania Ave and a dedicated pedestrian/bike lane across the river.

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

Safe and convenient multi-modal transportation opportunities from downtown Dunnellon to the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park. This connection will also tie into the state-wide paved trail system with an existing spur trail leading to the Heart-of-Florida Loop trail.

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

The City of Dunnellon has an existing population of approximately 1,800 yet the community swells every summer due to the popularity of outdoor activities in the region. Dunnellon is at the intersection between Marion County and Citrus County and hosts visitors from well beyond the borders of the city or either county. This project will also serve the approximate 80,000 trail users who currently take advantage of the paved trail system.

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



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One of the main desired outcomes of this project is to get pedestrians and cyclists off of the roads and at a safe distance away from the only east-west traffic corridor in Dunnellon. Currently the general public use the limited right-of-way and safety lanes to walk/bike along the road and at times, it is very unsafe. The measure will be a direct observation and surveys of how people are moving from A to B along the route.

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 would cease to be distributed for this project until non-compliance of the deliverables were remedied.

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.

Marion County and the City of Dunnellon
Marion County currently maintains C.R. 484 (aka Pennsylvania Ave) within the city limits of Dunnellon through interlocal agreements.



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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