



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1862

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City is currently one of eleven State certified "Trail Towns" in Florida. The City seeks funding to expand its trail network to include a vital multi modal connection to the Withlacoochee State Trail (WST). The former 1.4 mile long Inverness bypass ROW, which connects the US 41 commercial corridor to the high density residential districts along Forest Drive, is planned to create a paved multi modal connection to the western half of the City. Also on Forest drive is the planned development of a trail head consisting of an area of open space, parking, and certain amenities in support of the multi modal trail network and surrounding high density residential community.

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	2,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,250,000</b>

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)	2,250,000	79%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	21%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>2,850,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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 Act - \$600,000 (Economic Development & Recovery)  
 \$250,000 (Fire & Public Safety)

**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering, design and construction of the West Inverness City Trail and Withlacoochee State Trail Connector	2,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,250,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Increased tourism from cyclists utilizing the Withlacoochee State Trail. Improved multi-generational healthy living/lifestyle for current residents and visitors . Better economic development potential for an area of low-moderate income households. Enhanced environmental protection for native wildlife and residential potable water wells. Wastewater main to eliminate existing septic tanks. Improved ground and surface water quality.

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

1) A 1.4 mi paved connector trail to a high density residential district, multi modal connectivity to the 300 ac Whispering Pines City Park, and Withlacoochee State Trail. Also planned is a park for access and open space in conjunction with the paved connector portion of the project. 2) Create a wastewater main line corridor that can be used to eliminate existing septic tanks. 3) Protect surface water and groundwater from contaminants using a regional stormwater facility.

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

1) Multi modal connectivity and economic development from the multi billion dollar cycling industry in Florida. 2) Provide a new venue for all age groups to get outside and improve health and fitness in the trail head park or on the trail by walking, running or cycling. 3) Wildlife protection area. 4) Wastewater main line to eliminate existing septic tanks. 5) Regional stormwater facility. 6) Improved ground and surface water quality.

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

Residents of Citrus County and tourists. The WST experiences over 500,000 visitors a year; Whispering Pines Park experiences over 150,000 visitors a year; and some 3000 residents living in proximity to Forest Drivet. This portion of Inverness represents an area of 49.3 % low to moderate income households. The connector will help these residents access employment, retail, transit, and services without owning an automobile. This area has the ability to provide a regional stormwater facility to assist development in the area. The facility can also be a multi-use amenity providing recreation, aesthetic value and wildlife habitat along with flood control.

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



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**be measured?**

Increased tourism, economic development, healthy lifestyle. Catalyst project to establish a western gateway to the City using public art, signage, and special lighting complemented by the proposed new trail and park. A recreational venue that will not disturb local wildlife. Elimination of septic tanks. Possible regional stormwater management. Improved ground and surface water quality.

Analysis of annual visit Florida reporting, increase in permit issuance for new development, sales tax.

**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?**

Any monies received from the state would be returned in like amounts for either percentage incomplete or in totality for project not commencing.

**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.**

The City of Inverness would be the perpetual owner and operator of the facility.



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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