



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1940

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Amelia Island is home to 36,000 individuals and hosts more than 1,500,000 visitors annually. As the island's popularity as a world class destination and key contributor to Florida's tourism economy grows, the vehicular transportation network is insufficient and unsustainable for both local and state roadways (including segments of Florida's SIS). As a barrier island with severe constraints to expand roads, Nassau has taken a proactive approach, in partnership with the NFTPO, to develop a safe and viable non-vehicular transportation system in the form of a shared-use path network that runs from the southern tip of the island to downtown Fernandina Beach on the north end of the island. The island network is not merely a leisure trail; this is an alternative mobility system for daily commuters. The AIT Phase 4 is the final 5 miles of the island system's primary 17-mile north-south spine.

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	5,119,474
Total State Funds Requested	5,119,474

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)	5,119,474	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	12,479,490	71%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	17,598,964	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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Yes

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

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

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	The request is to execute design/engineering, construction, and construction engineering inspection of the final segment needed to complete the Amelia Island Trail, providing connectivity from the Duval County border at the southern tip of the island to historic downtown City of Fernandina Beach to the north.	5,119,474
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,119,474

12. Program Performance

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

As a barrier island with severe constraints to expand roads, Nassau has taken a proactive approach, in partnership with the NFTPPO, to develop a safe and viable non-vehicular transportation system in the form of a shared-use path network that runs from the southern tip of the Island to downtown Fernandina Beach on the north end of the island. The island network is not merely a leisure trail, this is an alternative mobility system for daily commuters. The AIT Phase 4 is the final 5 miles of the island system's primary 17-mile north-south spine.

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

Design/engineering, construction, and construction engineering inspection of the construction of approximately 5 miles of shared-use path.

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

Construction of the trail will provide a healthier and more enjoyable transportation mode alternative to driving for mobility on the island. This addition will also provide safe pedestrian and cyclist connectivity from downtown Fernandina Beach to the shared-use path spanning beyond the county border, south into Jacksonville.

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

This project benefits all 36,000 residents of Amelia Island, numerous residents of northeast Jacksonville, and the 1,500,000 tourists that visit Amelia Island annually.



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

This project is expected to create connectivity and provide a healthier and safer mode of transportation and provide an opportunity to alleviate traffic congestion on the island. This can be measured through resident feedback surveys, Quality/Level of Service, and AADT comparisons.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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.

Nassau County.



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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