



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2306

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Manatee County proposes the concept of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the incredibly busy US 41 roadway at 17th St E in Palmetto, Florida. This location has a community park/pool, football/soccer fields/splash park, and basketball courts on the east side of US 41 and a Manatee County School District middle school on the west. These two properties are key to this lower income area but are separated by a 4-lane divided highway with posted speed of 50 mph. The public properties on both sides of US 41 are critical uses for the community, and being public property that can make the construction of such a project easier since the area for the bridge landing and ramps will be on already owned public land. This community has been divided since the construction of US 41 in the 1970s.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,000,000	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?



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Yes

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

Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four primary groups in the community including residents, business owners, nonprofits, local government partner agencies, and community partners.

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	Construction and supervision of construction to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Pedestrian overpasses allow for the uninterrupted flow of non-motorized movements separate from the vehicle traffic. The overarching goal is to provide a safe and convenient access across US 41 for pedestrians and cyclists.

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

In addition to capital improvements, programming for education will include events related to the adjacent school, park, and overall Manatee County throughout the year. The intention for this application is for capital improvements only, which will be matched by education, enforcement, and equity-focused events.

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

The project connects the middle school to the regional park, while also providing a safe connection for residents and visitors in Palmetto. Additionally, it attracts healthy walking and cycling by providing connections to the overall Palmetto pathways, removing a strategic gap in the network.

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

School-age children and residents within a quarter mile radius are expected to be served by the project. In addition, the recreational walking and cycling population will be served in connection with mobility and Parks & Natural Resources expectations. The proposed project would connect about 500 homes to the nearby park.

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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By measuring before and after traffic count data (cyclist and pedestrian movements) as well as crash data, the expectation is increased mobility of non-motorized travel as well as meeting several safety targets for the area. Additionally, longer-term measurement of the benefits will be documented by participation in public events as well as ongoing surveys.

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?

As contingency is planned in all Manatee County improvements, implementation measures should include stakeholder and resident participation metrics to ensure that the community is a part of the process from start to finish. Although there aren't quantifiable or financial results, penalty should require revisiting all relevant stakeholders through the implementation process if it is unsatisfactory for local, regional, and state government.

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.

Property on both sides of the US 41 are publicly owned. The owner on the west side, where the middle school is located, is owned by the Manatee County School Board. The property on the east side is owned, depending on where the landing for the overpass is established, by either Manatee County or the City of Palmetto.



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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