



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1419

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Underline consists of improvements to, and programming for, the 10-mile corridor existing within the Metrorail right-of-way from the Miami River North of the Brickell Metrorail Station to the Dadeland South Metrorail Station. This project is part of the Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Spaces System Master Plan and will serve to serve to transform this area into a safe, fully functional urban trail and multi-purpose recreational space. The proposed improvements include enhancement of the existing bicycle/pedestrian pathway, the addition of native landscaping, hardscaping, lighting, signage, drainage, recreational facilities, amenities, and recreation related concessions. The improvements and amenities are designed to vastly improve the safety, aesthetics, comfort level, attractiveness and public use of the area, provide enhanced integration of transit into this corridor, and improve connectivity between the surrounding communities and the urban core.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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 2023-2024 (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 2023-2024	5,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	3,000,000	2104	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

The project is receiving Road Impact Fees for the transportation component. In addition, municipal funding can be used is being used for non transportation components; however, this funding is not sufficient and hence our request.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

\$1,419,320,111.50 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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 of amenities along the 10-mile off road Underline mobility-multi modal corridor. The \$2.5 million requested will be used for some of the amenities identified by the community during the first cycle of public meetings and, associated site furniture and equipment, signage and Wi-Fi.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. Program Performance



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

The goals are to encourage residents, students, and visitors to walk, bike and take transit to alleviate traffic congestion, and improve accessibility and safety. This funding will support the construction and installation of non-transportation eligible components such as pavement and column signage, site furniture including but no limited to benches, drinking fountains, bike repair stations and amenities.

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

Construction

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

Accessibility and connectivity to a world-class urban trail and public transportation with safe, off-road, separated pedestrian and bicycle paths, that includes lighting and signage within a 10-mile multi-modal corridor.

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

The funds requested are for direct services to citizens, residents and visitors including but no limited to the elderly, pre-school, grade school, high-school and university/college students. The numbers of individuals to be served is greater than 250,000.

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

Improved physical health (increase physical activity), improve mental Health (satisfaction with quality of life), enrich cultural experience (events and curriculum drawing residents to The Underline), education (education curriculum for 24 impacted schools), enhance the environment (lower CO2 levels), protect the general public from harm (improved pedestrian and bicycle safety), improve transportation conditions (reduce congestion on U.S.1-projected at 3.5%), increase economic activity (increased property values projected at 5% to 25%), increase tourism, create job opportunities (projected over 1,000 new jobs). Outcomes will be measured by evaluation of attendance, Health Impact Assessment, measurement of property values change, reduction in pedestrian and bicyclist conflicts and increase in transit ridership.

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?

Miami-Dade County has several standard strategies designed to mitigate lack of performance and deliverables. One of these strategies is liquidated damages which is being used for the construction of Phase 1 (from the Miami River to SW 13th Street).

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number