



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1617

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Connecting Miami project features the mile-long, 33 acre linear urban oasis, Underdeck component which will overcome the barrier effect of the original highway network, and create a safe, inviting passage linking residents and businesses in Overtown with the Arts & Entertainment district to the east. The project will transform the community, enhance safety, increase mobility, ensure sustainability and restore connectivity to the Overtown community.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	0%
Matching Funds		
Federal	140,012,934	35%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	150,284,894	37%
Local	81,192,026	20%
Other	32,768,152	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	405,758,006	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.

\$10 million used to provide food gift cards and small business assistance.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

8/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

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.

The owner of the facility is the Florida Department of Transportation. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between FDOT and the City of Miami which will be used as the basis for an interlocal agreement allowing the local municipality (City of Miami) to operate the facility.

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 and engineering.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Connecting Miami project features the mile-long, 33 acre linear urban oasis, Underdeck component which will overcome the barrier effect of the original highway network, and create a safe, inviting passage linking residents and businesses in Overtown with the Arts & Entertainment district to the east. The project will transform the community, enhance safety, increase mobility, ensure sustainability and restore connectivity to the Overtown community.



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

The operations and maintenance (O&M) phase of the Underdeck will commit \$6,000,000 annually to facility upkeep and programming of activities. It is estimated that 260 jobs will be directly created, with another 160 indirect permanent jobs across the regional economy, with an average compensation of over \$40,000/year. The Underdeck will provide over a mile of trails, playgrounds and green spaces in a 33 acre urban oasis in extending from Overtown to Biscayne Boulevard. While accessible and safe for all users - pedestrians, bicyclists, rollers, transit riders, and drivers alike - the Underdeck will facilitate a safe environment for walking and outdoor activities.

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

Residents and tourist will be able to enjoy amenities such as fountains, trails, benches, entertainment venue, murals and landscape.

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

The target population are those in the immediate area of the project in the Overtown community, as well as residents of the City of Miami as a whole. The amount of individuals expected to be served exceeds 400,000.

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

The expected benefit and outcome of the project is to create a common area within a developing area of the City of Miami for the community to enjoy the public space and related amenities. This outcome will be measured by the amount of residents using the park.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures should subject the City to an audit and depending on the results of the audit the City could be liable for sanctions up to revocation of funding.

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
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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