



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1836

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

City Walk is a planned new development within downtown Starke and a direct result of the realignment of the 301 By-Pass project. The FDOT project has directly affected businesses in the downtown area by rerouting traffic around the downtown corridor. As a result, the City intends to develop a City Walk project with design and construction including: underground utilities; security; lighting; amphitheater; pedestrian accessibility to historic downtown; food truck and eating area; irrigation; public restrooms; signage and parking. This project will entice regional tourism, develop jobs and create a greater tax base in the CRA District.

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	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	800,000	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

American Recovery Act Funding of \$2,715,628. Funds were used toward support of utilities, recreation, and downtown improvements to support job creation and tax base revenue stimulation.

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?

06/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2/1/2024

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.

City of Starke

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	Design/Construction of upgrades to downtown Starke	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

14. Program Performance

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

Community downtown redevelopment to entice local functions, create awareness of downtown, develop tax base and support job creation.

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



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Design and Construction of the City Walk area to include: underground utilities; security; lighting; amphitheater; pedestrian accessibility to historic downtown; food truck and eating area; irrigation; public restrooms; signage and parking.

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

Community downtown redevelopment to include economic development, tourism and local activities.

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

City of Starke population 5,800

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

Expect to entice regional interest in downtown Starke and create economic development in area directly affected by the FDOT bypass project. The measurement of success is in jobs created and tax base revenue increase.

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?

Contracting penalties set by FDEO agreement.

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
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information



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