



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2443

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will be used to construct an elevated multi-use trail and boardwalk connecting the Archer Braid Trail to Celebration Pointe region-serving sports events amenities in Alachua County, Florida.

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	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	45%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,100,000	55%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	5,600,000	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?

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



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Alachua County has received \$26,129,224.50 from the U.S. Treasury under the American Rescue Plan - State and Local Fiscal Revenue Recovery Funds. These resources are deployed to programs such as but not limited to regional rural broadband development, food security, and low-income home energy efficiency programs.

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?

9/1/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3/3/25

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.

Alachua County will be the owner of the trail connector 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	Includes the cost of the raised boardwalk, earthwork, testing & engineering, and outdoor exercise amenities.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The funds will construct an elevated, 12 foot wide multi-use trail that connects the Archer-Braid Trail to Celebration Pointe.

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



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

The funds will complete a critical trail network that will enhance tourism, provide recreation, healthy living, economic benefits, and act as an environmental buffer.

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

The facility serves the metropolitan community and 700k+ tourists from the surrounding region coming to Sports Events Center.

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

The facility will improve economic activity, create jobs, enhance citizen's physical health, enrich their cultural experience, and protect the environment from harm. Urban trails are viewed as a desirable amenity by real estate agents and can help attract buyers and increase property values. Based on similar Florida trails University of Massachusetts research, this segment should produce a net economic benefit of \$16 million/year and 53 jobs. Access to places for physical activity, such as trails connecting to parks, has increased physical activity levels in a community. The calculated health benefit of this trail connector is \$17 million/year. The trail will provide recreational opportunities, via the greenway around Lake Kanapaha making the community a better place to live. The trail will also serve as a buffer between the built environment and natural environment.

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?

Celebration Pointe is obligated to provide a connection to the Archer Braid Trail as part of its development agreement with Alachua County. Failure to build the multi-use facility will put them out of compliance with their 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



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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