



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2621

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners is actively building parallel and alternative corridors to I-75 and other state roads in the area. The funds requested will be used for road and utility design of a 3.7-mile portion of NW 80th Ave between SR 40 through US 27, which is one section of the 13.6 mile SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor project with a total expected cost of \$140,000,000. In addition, the county has invested \$749,604 for the preliminary engineering report and project development and \$12.1 million for right of way acquisition and design. Further, the county is programmed for \$23 million and is spending \$6.5 million for the intersection of NW 80th Ave & US 27. This project will help with traffic congestion on I-75 and around the World Equestrian Center (WEC).

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,400,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,400,000

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)	3,400,000	22%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	12,100,000	78%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	15,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

Construction is expected to cost \$35.5 million, the county has spent \$6 million and programmed an additional \$23 million for the construction of this segment of the project.



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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.

\$155,429,917.67. Funds have been used for infrastructure upgrades and to mitigate impacts of COVID 19 including but not limited to testing, vaccination, PPE, overtime, support for businesses, support for not-for-profits, support municipalities, and rental assistance for families.

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.

Marion County's Office of the County Engineer, a department within the Marion County government will receive the funds.

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	The funds requested will be used for road and utility project design and right of way acquisition on a 3.7-mile portion of NW 80th Ave between SR 40 through US 27. The goal will be to reduce traffic congestion for both I-75 & those entering/exiting the World Equestrian Center.	3,400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,400,000



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14. Program Performance

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

As Marion County's population and subsequent traffic grows, roads within and through the county are becoming congested for both pass-through as well as intra-county traffic. The funds requested for this project will be used for road and utility project design on a 3.7-mile portion of NW 80th Ave between SR 40 through US 27, with the goal of eliminating traffic congestion both on I-75 and for those entering/exiting the World Equestrian Center.

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

The project will expand this segment of the road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and relocate and interconnect water and sewer utilities at this same time to provide for much-needed septic-to-sewer connections.

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

The project will allow Marion County residents and visitors to the county to utilize the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor, instead of an already congested I-75 for travel within the county.

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

Travelers of the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor will be served by the project. Many of the county's 385,000+ residents utilize I-75 for local travel, additionally, these road improvements will benefit the estimated 80,000 people daily I-75 moves through the county daily by reducing traffic and congestion caused by local travelers. It will also serve to reduce congestion for those entering/exiting the World Equestrian Center.

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

The project will provide relief to traffic and intersection congestion on I-75 in Marion County. We will measure traffic congestion, traffic count, and intersection performance at locations impacted by the project.

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?

Standard contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

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)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Local government

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