



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2803

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct new entrance and road to Whispering Pines Park from the widened US 41 N to increasing tourism to a regional park owned by the state and leased to the City that is connected to the Florida National Scenic Trail.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	17%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,200,000	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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Cares Act - \$600,000 (Economic Development & Recovery)
\$250,000 (Fire & Public Safety)

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?

06/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2024

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 Inverness

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 new park entrance.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Construct new entrance and road to Whispering Pines Park from the widened US 41 N to increase tourism to a regional park owned by the state and leased to the City that is connected to the Florida National Scenic Trail.

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



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Will introduce a large number of Florida residents and non-resident tourist to access the 300 acre Park and connected trails as current entrance is on a remote residential road. Will improve transportation by alleviating traffic from a residential road and currently congested intersection. Provide a new venue for all age groups to get outside and improve health and fitness in the park or on the trails by walking, running or cycling.

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

Increased parks and recreation opportunities. Economic development from the multi-billion dollar cycling industry in Florida.

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

>800 The multi-purpose aspect of the project will appeal to a wide spectrum of age groups. Parents with small children - trail head park. Teens - park and trail activities. Adults / seniors - walking, jogging, dog walking and cycling.

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

Improve physical health- Year by year comparison of emergency medical service calls. User count of the new park and trail.
Improve mental health - User count of the new entrance and trails.
Enrich cultural experience- The establishment of a western gateway to the City using public art, signage, and special lighting complemented by the proposed new park entrance.
Increase tourism- Count of users accessing the regional 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?

Any monies received from the state would be returned in like amounts for either percentage incomplete or in totality for project not commencing.

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)



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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