



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3169

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Ft Denaud Swing Bridge, owned & maintained by Hendry County, is in need of major structural, mechanical and electrical repairs which Hendry County, a fiscally constrained county, is unable to fund. Hendry County Road & Bridge staff continuously perform necessary repairs in order to keep the bridge functioning. In order to conduct these repairs, the bridge often has to be shut down and closed to both vehicular and boat traffic. This bridge is one of only two bridges in Hendry County which cross the Caloosahatchee River. These closures pose a public safety concern as the LaBelle bridge is also often closed to vehicular traffic to allow for boat traffic on the river. When both bridges are closed to vehicular traffic, motorists must travel 13+ miles west or 24+ miles east to access the other side of the river. The current weight restrictions on the bridge prevent emergency vehicles and school buses from utilizing the bridge. This request is for the design and engineering phase.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,200,000	100%

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

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

As a fiscally constrained county, Hendry is unable to provide the funds to cover the necessary costs.



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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.

Cares Act Funds \$7,332,515.00 FHFC Funds \$186,549.70 E911 State Board \$36,000.00 HHS Stimulus \$25,418.81 FAA Covid Funds \$81,372.00 Emergency Housing Vouchers \$33,960.00 ARPA \$4,081,140.50

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)?

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.

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	Planning, Design & Engineering	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance



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

Hire a firm to plan and design the rehabilitation of a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes and motorists, and an operable bridge that can be opened to allow boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River, which is an east/west connector for commercial marine vehicles.

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

Preparation of construction plans by an engineering firm for construction by a contractor at a later date which consists of renovations to the swing bridge. This will provide a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes and motorists as well as an operable bridge that can be opened to allow boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River (C-43 Canal).

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

Public safety services and continuum of transportation to provide a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes and motorists as well as an operable bridge that can be opened to allow recreational boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River (C-43 Canal). Modifications will allow public safety vehicles including fire, EMS and Sheriff's Department to utilize the bridge.

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

Residents and property owners in unincorporated Hendry County located north of the Caloosahatchee River which includes the communities of North LaBelle, Ft Denaud and Ft Denaud Acres and the rural community of Muse in Glades County.

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

A set of signed and sealed engineered construction plans and specifications that provide for the rehabilitation of the bridge. A report from FDOT confirming and demonstrating the bridge rating has increased.

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?

Retainage will be held during design and will not be released until the project design has been completed.

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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- 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