



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1091

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A grade separation of the El Rio Trail at Spanish River Boulevard will leverage recent State investments in an Interstate I-95 ramp that improved access to Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and the surrounding community. Separating vehicular traffic and trail users was identified as a critical need, because travel demands are currently approaching capacity on these established neighborhood streets. This project will complement road capacity projects currently under development in the City's CIP.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	20%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,000,000	80%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
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 a grade separation between Spanish River Boulevard and the El Rio Trail	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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

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



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A grade separation of the El Rio Trail will reduce conflicts between drivers on Spanish River Boulevard and trail users on the El Rio Trail. The new facility will be designed for compliance with ADA, ensuring accessibility for all. FAU students and faculty will benefit from improved direct access to the Tri-Rail Station.

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

Spanish River Boulevard serves over 25,000 vehicles per day in the project area. The El Rio Trail serves an average of 376 users per day.

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

A grade separation will improve travel reliability on Spanish River Boulevard by separating vehicular traffic from trail users, reduce potential for crashes with bicyclists and pedestrians, and will increase trail use and ridership at the nearby Tri-Rail Station. The City utilizes a variety of data resources to monitor traffic operations, travel activity and safety, including big data sources and Signal4.

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 in the contract?

No additional penalties should be required, because the City will commit the resources necessary to ensure successful project completion. State funds would not be leveraged until the project is fully funded for construction.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

FY24-FY25 Request, FHWA Reconnecting Communities Program

17. Requester Contact Information

- a. First Name** **Last Name**
- b. Organization**
- c. E-mail Address**
- d. Phone Number** **Ext.**

18. 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**
- e. E-mail Address**
- f. Phone Number** **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name**
- b. Firm Name**
- c. E-mail Address**
- d. Phone Number**



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