



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1154

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT) is a vital asset, spanning over 90 miles of multi-use paths along a planned 106-mile corridor from Key Largo to Key West. This iconic trail is not just a recreational treasure; it serves as a historical and cultural landmark. However, the rising sea levels and increasingly frequent flooding pose a significant threat to the integrity and usability of this trail. Persistent inundation and erosion are causing segments of the trail to deteriorate and become impassable, leading to breaks in its continuity. These disruptions undermine its purpose as a connector for communities and its appeal as a destination for outdoor recreation, tourism, and historical preservation. One low lying segment of 2,500 linear feet in Lower Matecumbe is in need of repairs and elevating the trail. Elevating the trail will not only address the immediate challenges of flooding but will also strengthen its long-term resiliency.

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	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	20%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	250,000	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/28/2026

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

The funds will come from public works transportations operations fund.

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.

Islamorada, Village of Islands - Responsible owner and maintainer of shared use path located within FDOT right-of-way.

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	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

Ensuring continuity of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT), spanning over 90 miles of multi-use paths along a planned 106-mile corridor from Key Largo to Key West.

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

Continue to provide the shared use path (FKOHT) as a connector for communities and its appeal as a destination for outdoor recreation, tourism, and historical preservation.

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

All local residents and users of the FKOSHT. The path is used by hundreds of users daily and used by thousands while used during events such as half marathons, 10k and 5k running events, "Keys 100", and other cyclist races.

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

Elevating the trail will not only address the immediate challenges of flooding but will also strengthen its long-term resiliency, ensuring it can withstand future environmental pressures and provide for a long term use by the public.

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?

liquidated damages for delayed construction and required warranty for work provided.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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#:



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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
- No
- No, but intends to apply

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

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



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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