



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1158

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the project is the replacement of the W. Central Avenue Bridge which is a single span bridge built in 1965. The bridge, at approximately 18 ft in length, crosses a navigable canal connected to the Banana River. With deterioration of the structure and supporting walls noted during field observations, the bridge was classified "structurally deficient" in a bridge inspection report dated November 18, 2020. The bridge connects residents to Banana River Drive, SR-AIA and SR-520.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,263,183
Total State Funds Requested	1,263,183

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)	1,263,183	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,263,183	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,526,366	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1158

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	The replacement project will include new drainage improvements and a new bridge span consisting of two (2) 12-foot travel lanes with 16-inch shoulders and two (2) 5-foot sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians and other active transportation options. The superstructure will consist of Florida Slab beams and 24 sq-inch prestressed concrete pile foundation elements.	1,263,183
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,263,183

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funding will replace a "structurally deficient" bridge crossing a navigable canal connected to the Banana River and connects residents to Banana River Drive, SR-A1A, and SR-520. W Central Avenue Bridge is one of a cluster of four bridges in Merritt Island that have reached their potential lifespan. Other bridges in the area also requiring replacement include Girard Blvd Bridge, and two bridges on North Banana River Drive totaling an additional \$10M.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1158

New drainage improvements and a new bridge span consisting of two (2) 12-foot travel lanes with 16-inch shoulders and two (2) 5-foot sidewalks will be constructed. The superstructure will consist of Florida Slab beams and 24 sq-inch prestressed concrete pile foundation elements.

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

New sidewalks will be provided to accommodate pedestrians and other active transportation options to aid in safely traversing the bridge.

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

The replacement project will serve approximately 2,000 residents in the area.

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

The replacement of the W Central Ave Bridge will provide various benefits to the community by providing safe accommodations for multi-modal transportation users and will also alleviate drainage issues occurring on the existing bridge span. Since the bridge has reached its lifespan, a new structure in place will allow residents to get to and from their homes without the potential for failure or collapse.

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?

The County's contracts for construction include comprehensive provisions that address failure to perform, including liquidated damages for not achieving Substantial Completion, and termination. In addition, the County will complete a post-construction evaluation of the contractor and submit the form to the County's Purchasing Services.

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#:

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)?



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1158

- 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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1158

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.