



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1170

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Multi-modal roadway improvements to provide increased resiliency, safety and capacity for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic on approximately 1 mile on Lorraine Road from northern boundary of Palmer Ranch East property to the proposed Exit 200 Interchange. Four-lanes of capacity to support hurricane evacuation east of I-75 and will also provide increased capacity for alternative routes during times of severe congestion on Interstate 75.

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	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	6,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	12,000,000	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



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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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 03/31/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2027

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

Sarasota County mobility fees and voter approved infrastructure sales tax collections.

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.

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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	Engineering, permitting, construction costs, environmental planning, and supervision of construction to ensure project stays on time and within the budget.	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Four-lane divided arterial multi-modal roadway improvements to provide increased resiliency, safety and capacity for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic on approximately 1 mile on Lorraine Road from northern boundary of Palmer Ranch East Property to the proposed Exit 200 Interchange. Four-lanes of capacity added to support hurricane evacuation and will also provide increased capacity for alternative routes during times of severe congestion on Interstate 75.

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



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In addition to relieving congestion and making the roadways safer adding four-lanes of capacity to support hurricane evacuation, it would enhance the quality of life of local citizens making the adjacent emergency facilities like the nearby hospital easier to access. Sarasota County would have better access to the waste disposal complex off of Knights Trail with the potential of keeping trucks off of I-75. The road will be designed as a Complete Street, which is a concept that aims to integrate people, place and mobility for all roadway users into the planning, design, engineering, operating and maintenance of the transportation network. A multi-use recreational trail is also incorporated to enhance mobility for pedestrian and bicyclists.

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

Relief in traffic congestion and enhanced safety in the event of a hurricane or emergency situations will be the result of the funds appropriated. Lorraine Rd would serve as alternative connection east of the interstate alleviating traffic on I-75 on a daily basis. Major employers, like the PGT Window + Doors, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, among others are also located nearby and would relieve congestion for the thousands of employees and citizens in their commute. A multi-modal connection will be made that provides bicycle lanes, sidewalks and multi-use path that will regionally connect to the planned statewide trail system.

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

All of Sarasota County residents and visitors in addition to travelers from adjacent counties and state travelers seeking alternative routes to the interstate system.

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

Increased safety, improved multi-modal access and capacity, upgraded stormwater facilities, enhanced aesthetics and reduced travel times to businesses and residential areas. Right-of-way will be donated by the landowner saving millions of dollars in taxpayer money. Benefits and outcomes will be measured by responses to Sarasota County's annual citizen survey and traffic modeling to document capacity improvements.

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?

Performance bond, contract retainage and liquidated damages. In severe cases of failure, vendors may be placed on a no-bid prohibition for related contracting.

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#:



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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



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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