



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1203

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

These funds will be used for construction of the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway (BEG) Segment D, a 2.5-mile segment of the greenway between SW 117th Ave. and SW 137th Ave. along the Mowry Canal and SW 320th St. in southern Miami-Dade County, east of Homestead. The Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will be the first non-motorized trail in the country to connect two National Parks and would have an immediate impact to Homestead and the surrounding communities in southern Miami-Dade County.

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	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,521,849	27%
Local	3,153,151	56%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,675,000	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.**



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1203

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/31/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2028

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

Park Impact Fees

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.

Miami-Dade County and South Florida Water Management District. The requestor is a Department within the Miami-Dade County organization. The Department is a partner with South Florida Water Management District that manages existing park facilities on their properties.

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	These funds will be used for the construction of the BEG Segment D, a 2.5-mile segment of the greenway in southern Miami-Dade County, east of Homestead. The project includes construction of a new, 10'-wide asphalt multi-use trail along the Mowry Canal, SW 117 Ave., and SW 320 St., new dedicated bike lanes on SW 137 Ave., and safety improvements at intersections.	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?



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1203

These funds will be used for construction of the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway (BEG) Segment D, a 2.5-mile segment of the greenway between SW 117th Ave. and SW 137th Ave. along the Mowry Canal and SW 320th St. in southern Miami-Dade County, east of Homestead. The Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will be the first non-motorized trail in the country to connect two National Parks and would have an immediate impact to Homestead and the surrounding communities in southern Miami-Dade County.

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

These funds will contribute directly to the construction activities of the BEG, which when complete, will provide citizens with new access to two National Parks, as well as an alternative mode of transportation and opportunities for physical activity and outdoor recreation.

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

The BEG will provide citizens with facilities for active transportation, outdoor recreation, physical activity, and connection to other area trails. This project will be the first non-motorized trail in the country to connect two National Parks and would have an immediate economic impact to Homestead and other communities in southern Miami-Dade County.

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

The project is targeted to serve the 2.8 million residents of Miami-Dade County as a form of non-motorized transportation in a rapidly-growing area of the County that lacks facilities. This includes elderly persons, persons with poor mental or physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally or physically disabled persons, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, as well as university and college students.

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

Project benefits include physical and mental health improvements, quality of life enrichment, cultural experience enrichment, environmental enhancement/preservation/improvements, improved bike and pedestrian safety, safe route to schools, transportation conditions improvement, economic activity improvements, increased tourism, immediate job opportunities, and individuals' economic self sufficiency enhancements. Methodology for measures include health impact assessments, event attendance and greenway usage counts, heat index and tree canopy calculations, numbers of bike and pedestrian injuries and deaths, traffic impact studies, trail user surveys and economic impact studies, sales revenues and sales tax generated within 1/2 mile of the trail corridor, and number of jobs created by the project.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1203

- 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
- 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)



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1203

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