



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1255

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project will allow the City to complete design and permitting in order to eliminate the railroad crossing on NE 36th Street between NE 12th Avenue and SR 811/N Dixie Highway and construct a pedestrian overpass. To maintain pedestrian connectivity, the pedestrian bridge that is proposed will link the east side of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) tracks at NE 12th Avenue to the west side of SR 811/N Dixie Highway. The project will remove the crossing, enhance pedestrian safety, and improve the area's aesthetics. The project performance measures will reduce grade crossing incidents and increase the number of pedestrian crossings.

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	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

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)	250,000	20%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	1,000,000	80%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/30/2027

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

The City will identify and provide appropriate funding for operations and maintenance of the project through its annual operating budget process. The City is committed to maintaining the critical drainage infrastructure at the highest level possible.

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The project will fund 20% of the total project cost to design and permit the crossing elimination and pedestrian bridge effort. The City will use the funding to engage a consultant to complete the project. All costs will be contractual.	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The closure of the railroad crossing on NE 36th Street between NE 12th Avenue and SR 811/N Dixie Highway and the construction of a pedestrian bridge overpass will enhance community connectivity and ensure safe access to essential destinations such as jobs, healthcare facilities, grocery stores, schools, churches, and parks. The closure of the NE 36th Street crossing will remove a crucial pedestrian connection from Dixie Highway and points west of the Downtown area.

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

The project, through an effective planning and design will provide a safe and accessible multi-modal transportation facility. The elimination of the dangerous crossing and construction of non-motorized transportation facilities will greatly increase access and reduce the risk for all users that need to travel across the railway corridor.

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

The project will not provide direct services to citizens.

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

The area is home to one of the most diverse populations in South Florida, encompassing various races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and economic conditions. This incredible diversity is continuously threatened by barriers resulting from an overbuilt and unsafe transportation system, which directly impacts the residents' quality of life. Effective planning and development is essential to achieve real change in non-motorized connectivity, safety, equality, and economic prosperity. The proposed project will advance this goal and address a significant challenge for over 10,000 people and visitors traveling within Oakland Park.

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

A pedestrian overpass at this location will offer residents and visitors safe and direct access to downtown. By eliminating the railroad crossing and constructing the overpass, the project will reduce incidents at the grade crossing and provide a safer route for pedestrians. Additionally, the new bridge will enhance the area's aesthetics, contributing to the beautification of the neighborhood. Infrastructure projects like this can transform a community, creating immediate improvements. The bridge will also be well-lit to ensure safety for all users.

The overpass will also provide connectivity to the new planned commuter station, which is in the early design phases. This will provide residents with the ability to travel further, taking the commuter rail to places that may not be reachable through active transportation methods of travel such as walking, bicycling, or other mobility methods and providing further connectivity with jobs, schools, parks, churches, and shopping.

**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?**

Potential penalties for not meeting deliverables or completing the project could include reduction or cancellation of funds appropriated.

**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



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- 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
- 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



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