



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1343

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The proposed project is for the construction of a new Broad Causeway Bridge that provides passage for multiple municipalities and offers a main evacuate route onto the mainland state of Florida. The current bridge, along a State road, has been deemed structurally deficient by FDOT. It also lacks an ADA compliant path for pedestrians and cyclists to use safely, resulting in accidents and injuries. The improved Bridge will provide a safe connection for surrounding municipalities, reduce traffic congestion and traffic accidents, support a reduction in emergency response time, and improve a major evacuation route.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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	500,000	8%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,500,000	75%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	6,000,000	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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Bridge Toll Revenues will be 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?

December 1, 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2032

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

The Town of Bay Harbor Island's existing toll generated causeway revenues will be the main funding stream for ongoing operations and maintenance. Federal funds from the Bridge Investment Program have also been requested in the amount of approximately \$129 million.

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.

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be the recipient of any fixed capital outlay funding for the Broad Causeway Bridge, which is on Town owned land.

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 movable bascule bridge, along a State road, will be replaced with a 65-foot, high-level, fixed bridge with an ADA compliant shared path for pedestrians and cyclists.	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?



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The main function of the new bridge will be to 1) provide a safe connection for routine travel between municipalities onto the mainland state of Florida for both motorists and non-motorists; and, 2) to improve a main evacuation route for surrounding municipalities. We anticipate a new bridge will improve travel time for motorists, reduce traffic crashes and pedestrian injuries, improve emergency response time; and improve a main evacuation route along a state road used by various County jurisdictions during major weather events and emergency incidents.

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

The Broad Causeway Bridge serves as a main artery for local connection to the mainland state of Florida for many neighboring communities, and we anticipate continuing these transportation services more efficiently by addressing safety risks and increasing accessibility. The new Bridge plans also includes opportunities for local tourism businesses such as kayak rentals and diving activities. The Bridge will also provide an improved response time for emergency response units responding to events and transporting residents to the mainland.

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

Significant direct services include enhancing the safety and accessibility of a main evacuation route that multiple municipalities rely on during major weather and emergency events and increasing accessibility through a 14-foot shared use path designated for cyclists and pedestrians in compliance with ADA and the Florida Greenbook. The project will also provide a safe transportation route for routine motorists and emergency response units, as well as increased recreational offerings provided through an engineered reef with kayak launch.

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

The target population includes multiple surrounding barrier islands that rely on the Broad Causeway Bridge, including City of Miami Beach, Village of Indian Creek, Village of Bal Harbor, and the Town of Surfside. Additionally, the Bridge provides a direct connection from the Town to the City of North Miami. According to US Census estimates, the Town's population and neighboring municipalities total approximately 152,815 residents who are expected to be served by the project. Moreover, we anticipate millions of tourists a year will be served.

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

Several main benefits were identified for the project, which include an improved evacuation route during major weather events or emergency events, a reduction in travel time, improved safety for motorists and non-motorists, reduced emissions, and improved health and community amenity. Some measurable outcomes will be reductions in travel time and traffic accidents and injuries. Improved health will be measured by increasing accessibility to the shared path and outdoor spaces for walking and biking.

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?

Return of funds.

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.