



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1357

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners is actively building parallel and alternative corridors to I-75 and other state roads in the area. The funds requested will be used for construction on a 3.4 mile section NW 49th St. from NW 70th Ave (CR 225) to NW 44th Ave, which is one section of the 13.6 mile SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor project estimated at \$140,000,000 total cost. This project will help with traffic congestion on I-75 and around the World Equestrian Center (WEC).

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	7%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,500,000	5%
Local	26,500,000	88%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	30,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,500,000	2069A	No

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.

The request will be a funding request for only construction on the project.

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)?

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 funds requested will be used for road and utility construction on a 3.4 mile section NW 49th St. from NW 70th Ave (CR 225) to NW 44th Ave. The goal will be to reduce traffic congestion for both I-75 & those entering/exiting the World Equestrian Center.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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

The project will allow Marion County residents and visitors to the county to utilize the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor, instead of an already congested I-75 and interchanges at I-75 and US 27 & SR 40 for travel within the county and to the World Equestrian Center.

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

Travelers of the SW/NW 80th/70th Avenue/49th Street corridor will be served by the project. Many of the county's 395,000+ residents utilize I-75 for local travel. Additionally, these road improvements will benefit the estimated 80,000 people I-75 moves through the county daily by reducing traffic and congestion caused by local travelers. Further, this project will serve travelers entering and exiting the World Equestrian Center.

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

The project will provide relief to traffic and intersection congestion on I-75 in Marion County and those entering and exiting the World Equestrian Center. We will measure traffic congestion, traffic count, and intersection performance at locations impacted 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?

Standard contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

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#:

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)?



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- Yes, Applied
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- No
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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



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d. Phone Number

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