



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1875

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project aims to expand the roadway network by creating a vital connector between SR221/Williston Rd and SR121/SW 34th St near to I-75, by extending SW 47th Avenue. As part of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), SR221 is crucial for transportation capacity and the state economy. It also acts as an evacuation transportation facility for the state. The improvements will reduce congestion and enhance safety for corridors serving the University of Florida's workforce across multiple counties within the North Central Florida region. The new extension will help connect UF Health Professional Park with the expansion of the UF FIXEL Institute campus located on the southern side of SR221/Williston Rd.

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	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	46%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	822,000	54%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,522,000	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.

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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?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

Local funds

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.

City of Gainesville is the recipient. The project has been developed in close coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation to advance common goals of improved access, safety and reduced congestion.

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	Clearing, grubbing, inlets, pipe culverts, landscaping, underground, asphalt concrete.	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000

13. Program Performance

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

A critical connector between two state roads (SR221/Williston Rd which is part of Florida's highest priority SIS system and SR121/SW 34th St) in proximity to I-75, via extending SW 47th Avenue. This will result in decreased congestion and enhanced safety along two major state-owned corridors heavily utilized by the University of Florida's professional and research workforce, as well as residents, across multiple counties in the North Central Florida region.



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

Site work

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

N/A

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

North Central Florida region - Alachua, Levy, Gilchrist, Dixie, and Marion County residents

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

This project aims to reduce congestion, accidents, and fatalities by monitoring traffic volumes, crash rates, and pedestrian activity. It will improve access to jobs and services for nearby commuters in surrounding counties (Levy and Marion), measured by land development and sales tax. Additionally, reduced congestion will increase safety during emergency evacuations, aligning with the state's SIS evacuation transportation facility system.

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?

We are confident that we will meet the stated outcomes and deliverables. No penalties are suggested.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricane Helene

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)?

- Yes, Applied



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- Yes, Received
- 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

d. Phone Number



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