



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1895

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To address safety concerns at the midway point of the Coast to Coast Trail (C2C) and its intersection with Lake Minneola, a State Sovereign Land, this project will construct a plaza space and docks for up to 40 watercraft. With no public docking facilities on the Clermont Chain on Lakes this project will support and enhance the safety of pedestrian, bicycle and water traffic thus spurring economic development and enhanced tourism opportunities.

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	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,500,000	85%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	6,500,000	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.

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



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Located at the midpoint of the C2C trail, the proposed project includes redevelopment of the 8th Street area to include seating, picnic areas, enhanced flow of pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the trail and an artistic monument highlighting and recognizing Florida's C2C trail and Clermont's history as a model community for trail users. Additionally, the project calls for the installation of a docking facility for between over 40 watercraft. This docking facility will provide access to the C2C from the waterways, spur economic development for local businesses and provide enhanced tourism opportunities.

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

Enhanced safety of recreational spaces, trail connections, access to downtown Clermont from the Clermont Chain of Lakes.

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

Residents and visitors of Clermont and Lake County. 1,000,000 visitors expected.

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

The benefits will be increased visitors and users of the trail and docks. This amount can be counted by staff and monitored daily.

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?

Repayment of allocated funds.

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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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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