



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1929

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Belle Glade Roadway Improvement Project is designed to upgrade and restore City-owned roads that have suffered severe degradation from both natural and human-made influences. Built on unstable muck soil, these roadways are prone to continuous shifting and subsidence, which is further exacerbated by erosion. The project will address the accelerated deterioration caused by relentless use - from heavy logistics trucks and large agricultural machinery to daily commuter traffic - by implementing structural reinforcements, improved drainage systems, and resurfacing techniques to ensure long-term stability and safety.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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



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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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2026

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

The City of Belle Glade will incorporate a dedicated line item in its annual budget to ensure the ongoing operations and maintenance of the roadway improvement project. Regular funds will cover routine inspections, resurfacing, drainage system upkeep, and necessary repairs to address wear from heavy traffic and natural elements. Enhanced design features and structural reinforcements are expected to lower long-term repair costs, ensuring the project remains sustainable and safe for residents.

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 funds for this project will be received exclusively by the City of Belle Glade, a local government entity. In accordance with state funding guidelines, these resources are strictly allocated for the repair, enhancement, and maintenance of City-owned infrastructure. Consequently, no private owners or external parties associated with the facility will receive any portion of the fixed capital outlay funding, either directly or indirectly.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funding is required to cover a comprehensive suite of contractual services that will drive the project from conception to completion. This includes engineering design, which ensures that all improvements meet stringent state and local standards; a competitive bidding process to secure cost-effective construction contracts; and construction-phase engineering oversight to guarantee that work is executed to specification and safety guidelines.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested for the Belle Glade Road Improvement Project are intended to stabilize and revitalize critical roadways that have been compromised by unstable muck soil and heavy, constant traffic. Specifically, these funds will enable structural reinforcements, resurfacing, and enhanced drainage systems to ensure safe, durable road conditions. The ultimate goal is to protect public infrastructure, improve transportation safety, and promote long-term economic growth and community connectivity in this rural area.

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

The funds will support a comprehensive range of activities and services specifically designed to address the challenges of Belle Glade's roadways, which are built on unstable muck soil that constantly shifts and deteriorates. Initially, detailed engineering studies - including geotechnical assessments and environmental impact analyses - will be conducted to understand the unique conditions and design tailored remediation strategies. This will be followed by a competitive bidding process to select qualified contractors with expertise in working with such challenging soils. During construction, rigorous project management and engineering oversight will ensure that all activities, such as road resurfacing, structural reinforcements, and the installation of enhanced drainage systems, are executed to the highest standards. These improvements will not only stabilize the roadways but also mitigate the effects of heavy traffic, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and enhance overall safety.

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

Direct services provided by the appropriation project will include constructing safer, more resilient roadways that directly address the unique challenges of unstable muck soils. This project will involve comprehensive road resurfacing, structural reinforcement, and the installation of advanced drainage systems to reduce flooding and erosion. These improvements will ensure that residents experience smoother, more reliable travel, reducing vehicle damage and maintenance costs while enhancing emergency response times. Citizens will benefit from consistent access to essential services, schools, workplaces, and healthcare facilities, while local businesses will see improved logistics and reduced delays. Ultimately, these upgrades will boost public safety, foster community connectivity, and contribute to long-term economic stability.

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

The target population for this project encompasses the entire community of Belle Glade, including residents, local families, seniors, and children who rely on these roadways for daily commuting and access to essential services. Local businesses, farmers, and emergency responders also stand to benefit, as the improved infrastructure will facilitate the smoother transportation of goods and faster emergency response times. Based on current demographic data, approximately 20,000 individuals are expected to be served directly by these roadway improvements, while the enhanced connectivity and economic boost will indirectly benefit many more across the region.

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

The expected benefit of the Belle Glade Roadway Improvement Project is to create safer, more reliable, and longer-lasting infrastructure that directly enhances community safety, reduces travel delays, and supports local economic activity. By stabilizing roads built on unstable muck, reducing flooding, and mitigating wear from heavy traffic - including logistics trucks, agricultural machinery, and daily commuters - the project will improve emergency response times, lower vehicle maintenance costs, and provide a robust foundation for sustained regional growth. Outcomes will be measured through a combination of quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Quantitatively, performance metrics will include the frequency and severity of flooding events, reductions in road accidents, improvements in road surface condition indices, and emergency response times before and after the project. Additionally, maintenance logs and inspection reports will track long-term durability and cost savings.



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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?

The contracting agency may impose liquidated damages following a monthly audit, provided that a written warning detailing the unmet deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract has been issued and discussed. A financial deduction of \$1,000 per month will be applied until the deficiencies are fully remedied.

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)?

- 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**



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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) Municipality - Local Government

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.