



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2060

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

County Road 217, in northwest Clay County, has seen a surge in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) due to employment growth along State Road 228 and pavement research on US 301. Detours from US 301 during lane shifts redirect traffic to CR 217. A structurally obsolete bridge on this route is rated at 10 tons max. Proposed improvements include replacing the 140' bridge along the 3.10-mile corridor. The County is requesting funds for the design and construction of the safety improvements.

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	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

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)	2,500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?  No

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)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 07/01/2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 06/30/2028

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

Clay County ad valorem (property) taxes will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project once completed.

**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 Clay County Board of County Commissioners will own the facility and receive any fixed capital outlay funding.

**12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Capital Outlay for replacement of existing County Road 217 bridge.	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The specific goal of the project is to prevent bridge structure failure through replacement of the CR 217 Bridge at Long Branch. The current bridge was built in the 1950s and is currently rated "Poor" by the Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inspection Safety Inspection report and considered "Obsolete". CR217 serves an evacuation route for Clay County residents. As such, it is a critical residential road for both Clay and Duval County residents that frequently pass through the area for work and recreation.

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



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CR 217 improvements include replacement of the 140' bridge. Activities include planning, design, permitting, construction management, and post-construction maintenance to create a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation network.

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

Residents will have a safe and direct route to work, school and home as well as a navigable evacuation route in case of emergency.

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

The entire county population (232,439) would benefit from this project. Additionally, as CR217 serves as a north/south connection between Clay County and Duval County, it is expected that residents of Duval County will benefit from the project as well.

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

Reduced transportation times and a decrease in traffic fatalities/accidents along with adequate evacuation during a state of emergency.

**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?**

Should Clay County fail to meet deliverables or other performance measures, reimbursement of project funds could be suspended until the County comes into full compliance. Funds will be returned to the state if the proposed improvements are not completed.

**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
- 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
- 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):**

The County has requested grants for the project through FDOT District 2 for FY 2029.

**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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