



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2458

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of SR 82 (MLK Jr Blvd) and Benchmark Avenue to alleviate safety concerns and traffic flow. This area is a high traffic turn area for large commercial vehicles and tractor trailers which makes it a very dangerous area for drivers. A fire station is located at this intersection so the construction will also increase the safety for the egress and ingress for those at the fire station. Adding a traffic signal will make this interchange much safer for Floridians. A traffic study has been completed and warrants this construction.

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	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,832,000	68%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,682,000	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		2,673,775	2069A	Yes

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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 6/1/25

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/25

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

NA

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 Fort Myers.

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	Construction of a safety traffic signal at SR 82 and Benchmark Ave.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose or goal of this project is traffic safety and alleviation of congestion. The turn signal will allow for the safe operation of large commercial vehicles entering and departing SR 82 at this intersection

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

These funds will be for the construction of this project. Planning, engineering and design, has already been completed.

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



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Safety will be provided to the citizens with this project. Lee County is in the process of hardening their roads and traffic signals post Hurricane Ian and this project falls in line with many of the other projects being explored. 290 crashes have occurred in this intersection since 2015.

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

Thousands of vehicles pass through this intersection each day. This intersection has high commercial traffic so this project will help the commercial vehicles and personal vehicles remain safe when passing through.

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

Reducing the threat of dangerous intersections. Outcomes can be measured by traffic studies and intersection safety data.

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?

Holding of all funds until deliverables are met.

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



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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**

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

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