



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2485

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Everglades Greenway loop is a 10-mile multi-purpose greenway that will promote tourism by opening up the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States to nature enthusiasts, provide residents and visitors greater educational opportunities about the wetlands and its impact on our ecosystem, and provide a space for healthy recreational activities. It will eventually connect to the SUN Trail network.

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	800,000
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	800,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,600,000	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		
2024-25	0	800,000	2805	Yes

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	Funds will be used to create a 10 mile greenway loop that connects the Florida Everglades to the City of Coral Springs.	800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

13. Program Performance

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

The creation of a 10-mile loop that will connect the City of Coral Springs to the Florida Everglades. It will benefit the citizens by promoting tourism, providing environmental education opportunities, and providing an outdoor activity space for physical activity. The proposed loop is located in the only area of Broward County lacking in greenway trails and safe bicycle paths. All paths within the City are rated "difficult" or "moderate."

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

Activities and services provided will include hiring a contractor to create a pathway from Coral Springs to the Florida Everglades.



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

The path will offer citizens the opportunity to have an active and healthy lifestyle outdoors and provide educational opportunities for residents, tourists, and schools in the surrounding area.

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

The City of Coral Springs has over 134,000 residents. However, the loop is expected to be used by residents in surrounding municipalities as well as tourists attracted to Florida's natural resources.

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

Increase in physical activity, increased educational activities regarding the Florida Everglades and environment, increased tourism and economic activity. Measured by: usage data, visitor surveys, number of school sponsored activities, creation of businesses associated with the Loop, increased sales and revenue of proximate businesses resulting from increased area activity associated with the Loop.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures could result in forfeiture of 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)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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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**

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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