



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2539

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This project will construct interchange improvements at I-95 and International Golf Parkway using a mix of state and federal funds. The project will improve the safety, capacity and traffic flow of the existing interchange, which is currently deficient to meet the exponential growth of the region. Future connections of the First Coast Expressway to I-95 will add an estimated 50K vehicles daily further compounding all of these issues. If state and federal funds are appropriated, the county is prepared to provide 2M as a local match.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	34,000,000	85%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	1%
Local	2,000,000	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	40,000,000	100%

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? 07/01/2028

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07/01/2031

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

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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.

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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	Design, Permitting, Engineering, Construction , Right of Way and CEI for the interchange improvement at I-95 and International Golf Parkway	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This project will construct interchange improvements at I-95 and International Golf Parkway using a mix of state and federal funds. The project will improve the safety, capacity and traffic flow of the existing interchange, which is currently deficient to meet the exponential growth of the region. Future connections of the First Coast Expressway to I-95 will add an estimated 50K vehicles daily further compounding all of these issues.

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



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The improvements will increase vehicular safety, reduce delays and decrease congestion on Interstate 95. Lack of congestion will improve conditions for tourists visiting the area including safety. Improved access will provide for greater tourist activity. A more efficient transportation network will generate more economic activity and jobs especially high wage careers in logistics and industrial fabrication.

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

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

The target population served by this project will be all residents and visitors to St. Johns County. In addition all business owners who rely on efficient transportation will experience a reduction of time in the movement of goods which will provide the ability to sustain and increase points of sale to sustain and promote economic stability. .

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

A more efficient transportation network will generate greater economic activity and jobs, especially high wage careers in logistics and industrial fabrication. Lack of congestion will increase and promote tourism, and improve safety with a reduction in motor vehicle accidents. The construction project will immediately create 25 additional jobs. Data will be collected utilizing the appropriate, local, state or federal agency and compared to historical 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?

If there is a performance deficiency requiring correction by the County, Agency will notify County. County will provide Agency with a corrective action plan describing how County will address performance deficiencies.

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:



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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**

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



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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.