



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2588

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The off grade railroad crossing will provide safe passage over an active rail line. This will alleviate current traffic, unsafe traffic, and emergency response times in the area and will lead to federal funding for the construction of an off grade rail crossing. Funds will allow for alignment of the road and set the foundation for seeking federal funding sources.

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	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</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)	2,000,000	67%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	33%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	1,500,000	2069A	No

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

10. Status of Construction



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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?

09/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/02/2026

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

City of Jacksonville

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 Jacksonville

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	Design and engineering for off grade railroad crossing - will provide safe passage over an active rail line.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

The off grade railroad crossing will provide safe passage over an active rail line. The goals include: alleviation of current traffic, unsafe traffic, and a betterment of emergency response times in the area. We hope this project will eventually lead to federal funding for the construction of an off grade rail crossing. Funds will allow for alignment of the road and set the foundation for seeking federal funding sources.

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

The off grade railroad crossing will provide safe passage over an active rail line. This will alleviate current traffic, unsafe traffic, and emergency response times in the area and will lead to federal funding for the construction of an off grade rail crossing. Funds will allow for alignment of the road and set the foundation for seeking federal funding sources.

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



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The off grade railroad crossing will provide safe passage over an active rail line. This will alleviate current traffic and unsafe traffic conditions in areas that constituents use daily and must utilize to execute their daily responsibilities relating to work and family. The decrease in emergency response times in the area will lead to federal funding for the construction of an off grade rail crossing, which will further alleviate tensions around traffic conditions. Funds will allow for alignment of the road and set the foundation for seeking federal funding sources.

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

General Population; Estimated to help >800 people.

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

We expect that the project will protect the general public from harm by reducing the number of delays to first responders caused by trains preventing the crossing of the railway. We will be able to measure changes through an assessment of JFRD 911 emergency response times and hope to observe a decline in delays. The project is expected to improve transportation conditions because they will prevent the blockage of crossings that constituents need to travel to their businesses and homes. Constituents report that the blockage can take up to an hour and can prevent them from picking up their children or conducting their daily activities - suggesting a need to decrease congestion in the area's traffic. Measurements of success should be observed in a decrease of complaints to the Federal Railroad Administration.

**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 deliverables or performance measures are not met, forfeiture of State 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)?**



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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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