



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2654

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Crosstown Connector is a route through the City of Destin which will serve as an alternative to Highway 98 for motorist, cyclist, and pedestrians. This alternative connector road will relieve traffic on Highway 98 by creating better traffic flow and increasing safety. The last remaining leg of this alternative route will be ready for construction by summer of 2025. All necessary right-of-way has been purchased and the project is in the permitting stage right now. The new section of roadway will be a two lane facility accompanied by multi-use trails. The City has secured some funding for construction already in the FY25 budget and should be receiving additional funding from the Okaloosa County Tour Development District once the project is ready for construction. The City anticipates a funding shortfall at this time based on cost estimates from the engineer. With this \$3M allocation from the state the City believes to could secure the remaining funds necessary.

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	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</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)	3,000,000	25%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	9,000,000	75%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>12,000,000</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		

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.



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### Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

**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?

9/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

Combination of ad valorem taxes, general fund, Gas Tax #1.

**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 Destin will own facility.

**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	Construction of two-lane crosstown connector roadway, multi-use trail, and storm water facilities.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

This goal of this project is to complete an alternative traffic route through Destin to help relieve traffic congestion on Highway 98 and provide local traffic easier access to businesses and amenities.

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

Funding will be used to construct the roadway, multi-use trail, and storm water facilities.



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

The new roadway will serve citizens with a much needed alternative to Highway 98 as a means to traverse in Destin. The road will improve traffic flow on Highway 98 and reduce travel times for local traffic using the new connector route.

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

All motorist, cyclist and pedestrians traveling in and through Destin will benefit from this project. It will impact millions on an annual basis.

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

A Project Development and Environmental Study was conducted identifying the need for the facility and the impacts it would have. It was determined that this project would have a positive impact on connectivity affecting vehicular traffic, cyclist and pedestrians. Projects benefits will include a decreased traffic load on Highway 98, better traffic flow, and better connectivity.

**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 the City of Destin not utilize the provided funding or a portion of the funding for the crosstown roadway construction, the City will be required to return the funding to the State of Florida.

**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)?**

- Yes, Applied



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- 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):**

FDOT/TRIP

**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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