



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2664

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Improve an unpaved connector between State Road 85 and CR Hwy 2 in Laurel Hill, utilized by local residents, agricultural and silvicultural vehicles with potential for increased traffic volume. Millside Road scored near the top of Okaloosa County's "Dirt to Pave" matrix and was listed among impaired sites in the Yellow River Watershed in Alabama and Florida, in a 2010 FWC Report. Improvements include paving, guardrails, road and crosswalk striping and reflective pavement markers, traffic signage, and establishing ROW for 3 miles between SR 85 and Steel Mill Creek Road. Okaloosa County is seeking a state appropriation of \$1.5 Million dollars for the Millside Road "Dirt to Pave" project.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	21%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,500,000	79%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	7,000,000	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		

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2025

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?

Local Government General Fund

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.

Local Government - Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners

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 designed and approved roadway paving including right-of-way and traffic safety improvements for 3 miles of connector between SR 85 and CR Hwy 2 in Laurel Hill in Okaloosa County.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

To improve an unpaved connector between State Road 85 and CR Hwy 2 to enhance stability and safety of the road and road conditions, and protect from sediment erosion that negatively impacts the Yellow River Watershed.

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



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Construction and construction engineering and inspection services.

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

The project will include paving of the dirt road with additional right-of-way. guardrails, striping and reflective pavement markers, traffic signage and pedestrian crosswalk striping to enhance public and vehicular safety. Dirt to pave will also improve water quality by eliminating sediment runoff into wetland areas, as identified in the Yellow River Watershed Alabama and Florida 2010 FWC report.

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

Millside Road is the connector between two major highways in the northern portion of the County and will serve local residents, and commercial agricultural and timber businesses.

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

Benefits of the project include increased stability and safety of road conditions in general, especially during and immediately after heavy rain and major weather events. Regular maintenance of the paved road will proactively ensure safer driving conditions and continued use not impacted by flooding and wash-outs due to major weather events.

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?

Standard contract penalties and/or revocation of grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

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)?



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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



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d. Phone Number

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