



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2669

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This goal of this project is to design a pedestrian underpass near the intersection of Highway 98 and Stahlman Ave. The project would also include design of intersection changes that would eliminate the North - South pedestrian crossing of Highway 98 at the Stahlman intersection. This would greatly increase pedestrian safety and improve traffic flow.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25		200,000	2069A	Yes

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? 05/15/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/11/2027

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

Combination of ad valorem taxes and 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.

City of Destin will own facility.

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 of pedestrian underpass and intersection improvements	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Projects benefits will include less traffic congestion, better traffic flow, and increased pedestrian safety.

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

Funding will be used to design a pedestrian underpass and intersection improvements.

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



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The addition of the pedestrian underpass will serve citizens with a safe method to cross Highway 98 near the Stahlman intersection. This is a very congested intersection with heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Numerous accidents have occurred here and there has been loss of life.

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 this intersection 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 is currently being conducted. The study has evaluated impacts that a pedestrian underpass would have and it is believed that this project would have a positive impact on pedestrians safety and increase traffic flow.

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 pedestrian underpass design, 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
- 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):

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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