



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2882

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

4. Project/Program Description

To prevent traffic flow disruption during future natural disasters, Lee County seeks to harden their traffic signal infrastructure with this funding. An internal study analyzing traffic signal damages over multiple hurricanes and comparing with hardened intersections demonstrated a need to update this crucial piece of traffic infrastructure.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,000,000	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



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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?

01/15/2026

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?

Lee County Department of Transportation annual budget appropriations.

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.

Lee 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	Consulting services procured through CCNA, followed by construction services procured through low bid process.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Provide funding to Lee County to design and construct hardened mast arms that were damaged from Hurricane Ian. The County will hire a design consultant to provide structural analysis and plans, and then hire a contractor to complete the construction. This will provide the County with upgraded infrastructure in high volume traffic areas.

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

The funding will be used to assist the County with design and construction of hardened mast arm signals. The intersections will be built to current design standards and will reduce the potential for future damages caused by natural disasters.

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



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Installation of mast arms will greatly reduce the amount of damage sustained during a natural disaster. During recovery from an event, the County will be able to get intersections functioning faster which will allow timely movement of traffic, decreased travel times for emergency vehicles, and increased accessibility for post disaster restoration work.

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

General (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group). 401-800 people

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

Reduce the impact that natural disasters has on the transportation system. Allow the County the ability to repair damages quicker and provide the public with an efficient system as quickly as possible post-event. The County can review the response times to complete repairs and have signals fully operational compared to when the intersection was a span wire or an outdated mast arm design.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No Yes

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):

Hurricane Ian

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
- No



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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

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.