



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3080

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will allow Lee County to construct the first phase of the Alico Road Connector Project. Phase I consists of widening the existing roadway from east of Airport Haul Road to Green Meadows.

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	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	10%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	47,328,099	90%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>52,328,099</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Total project cost is \$52,328,099. Local funds will provide the balance of costs.

## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Local funds via annual Lee County 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
<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 procured through low bid process.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

Provide funding to Lee County to construct the first phase of the Alico Road Connector project. Phase I consists of widening the existing roadway from just east of Airport Haul Road to Green Meadows. This phase of the project is slated to begin construction during FY 2025-26. Phase II will include construction of a new roadway from Green Meadows to SR 82. The final phase, Phase III, will including widening of Sunshine Boulevard from SR 82 to 23rd Street SW.

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 construction of Phase I of the Alico Road Connector project.

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



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Widening of Alico Road with Phase I will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. This is the first phase in a major new road connection from south Fort Myers/Village of Estero/Collier County to eastern Lee County. The project will reduce congestion on various other corridors mainly I-75 and Daniels Parkway.

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

General (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?**

Improve transportation conditions: The ultimate project provides a major new north/south roadway that will help to re-distribute traffic and provide a new access point connecting east Lee County to south Lee County and ultimately Collier County. Compare traffic conditions and travel time on alternative roadways pre and post construction.

**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?**

**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
- 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.*