



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3163

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Right of Way and/or drainage land acquisition for a 2.2 mile section of CR 769, aka Kings Highway, for a 2.2 mile segment of road that will be expanded from 2 lanes to 4 lanes to accommodate a rapid increase in traffic between Peace River Street and the DeSoto/Charlotte County line. Roadway is a designated evacuation route leading to I-75 and the section of roadway is located in the only Urban Service Area of the County from a transportation perspective.

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 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,000,000 |

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) | 3,000,000 | 67% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 1,500,000 | 33% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 4,500,000 | 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 | | |
| 2022-23 | 0 | 900,000 | | No |

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.

The overall project includes Federal Highway Funding through the FDOT, Local Funding and request for State General Fund dollars.

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? 07/30/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/28/2030

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

Local / County Transportation dollars

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.

DeSoto County / Local Government. Roadway/Drainage Right of Way

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 | 3,000,000 for land acquisition in accordance the FDOT guidelines and associated professional costs, may include design, utility relocation, construction or voluntary land acquisition. | 3,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

The overall project is to provide relief on an over capacity roadway in a heavily developed residential area and that serves as the only local evacuation route for emergencies. The road connects DeSoto and Charlotte counties and provides travelers direct access to I-75.

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

Right of Way acquisition to accommodate the road widening project from a 2 lane road to a 4 way road in accordance the FDOT provided Preliminary Design Report.



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

Roadway safety and relief of heavy traffic congestion. The project will greatly benefit the Lake Suzy residential areas that are experience extreme conditions when exiting and entering several long-standing subdivisions and to accommodate significant additional residential growth for approved developments in the area. The roadway congestion is largely a result of a change in commuting patterns in the region based on no significant population change in the County. Traffic counts evidence a sharp increase in trips per day over the past couple of years.

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

Target population is estimated at 20,000, based on 17K trips per day and an estimated 3k residents of the Lake Suzy area that are heavily impacted by the sharp increase in traffic.

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

Expected benefit is to provide for a safer roadway and a sharp decrease in traffic stacking and roadway off-tracking. The County has captured pre-project drone footage and traffic counts to track patterns, speeds, and traffic congestion. The construction portion of the project also includes sidewalk and/or multi-use path to provide for pedestrian safety. Preconstruction and post construction data will be used for measurable outcome of the project.

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?

Funding deobligation

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

d. Phone Number



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