



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3389

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will facilitate the construction of a pedestrian bridge linking the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) to surrounding economic engines. The bridge creates direct access to public transit and commuter rail (Metrorail, Tri-Rail, and Metrobus services). In addition to enhancing economic development and access to jobs, the bridge will help improve transit access, reduce congestion, enhance mobility, and reduce impact to adjacent residences.

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	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	17,000,000	77%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	22,000,000	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.

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? 01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 01/01/2027

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

For the ongoing operations and maintenance of the project, we are considering multiple funding streams. These include integrating the project's operational and maintenance costs into the overall budget of the larger community development initiative. Additionally, we will utilize allocated funding from Miami-Dade County to support these ongoing needs. This multi-source approach will ensure that the project remains sustainable and can be effectively maintained over the long term.

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.

Miami-Dade County.

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	The requested funding will support a pedestrian bridge that improves connectivity, safety, and accessibility, reducing travel time to key destinations through Miami-Dade County. It will also upgrade power lines and critical electrical infrastructure in the surrounding area, enhancing mobility, resources, and the resident's quality of life.	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?



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

The requested funds will facilitate the construction of a pedestrian bridge connecting critical areas to the Miami Intermodal Center, optimizing accessibility and mitigating congestion around Miami International Airport. The project will also upgrade critical infrastructure, including power lines, while boosting transit ridership, mobility, and regional connectivity to support economic growth.

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

The funding will improve accessibility, safety, and mobility by constructing a pedestrian bridge connecting key areas to the Miami Intermodal Center. This project will increase transit use, reduce congestion, and foster economic growth by enhancing access to businesses and recreational spaces, while creating a safer, more efficient transportation link.

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

Elderly persons; persons with poor mental health; persons with poor physical health; economically disadvantaged persons; at-risk youth; physically disabled; grade school students; high school students; university and college students; the general population. Estimated to serve >800 individuals.

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

The expected benefits of this project include improved physical and mental health, enriched cultural experiences, enhanced environmental quality, increased safety, better transportation, economic growth, and job creation. The outcomes will be measured through pedestrian and cyclist counts, park attendance, surveys, traffic studies, and job growth metrics. Public access, usage data, visitor feedback, and environmental assessments will track the effectiveness of these benefits. Additionally, tourism data and cultural event participation will help assess the project's impact on Miami's economy and community well-being.

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?

If the agency fails to comply with the contract, the funds should be removed and project should be canceled.

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



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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

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**



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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.