



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3438

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties are independently developing vital collector road projects—the Navarre Community Access Road (Navarre CAR) and the West 98 Collector—to alleviate congestion and improve arterial flow along US 98. These parallel corridors will not only enhance daily traffic efficiency but also provide crucial alternative routes during incidents on US 98. This proposed Connecting the Collectors Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will assess the feasibility and impacts of a strategic connector link between these two county initiatives. This connection represents a significant opportunity to amplify the benefits of both projects, creating a unified, resilient transportation network that serves the entire region and optimizes the functionality of US 98.

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                          | 4,000,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>4,000,000</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)       | 4,000,000        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 0                | 0%          |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>4,000,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction   
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

### 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                                  | Professional Services from an Engineering Consultant would perform the EIS. | 4,000,000        |
| <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                      |   | 0                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>4,000,000</b> |

### 13. Program Performance

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

An Environmental Impact Statement would document the benefit, if any, of connecting the collector roads in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties. If a beneficial corridor is found, all partners could seek grant funding to construct the roadway.

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

Professional services from an engineering consultant will be procured to conduct the EIS.



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

Planning for safety of commuters and providing a robust and redundant transportation corridor for all motorists. The project would also improve mission readiness for the defense of the United States.

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

The full population of Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties would be served by constructing collector roads to relieve US 98.

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

Performance could be measured by the reduced accident rate on US 98 or by the amount of delay per vehicle on US 98.

**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?**

Repayment of the cost of the EIS.

**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.*