



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2437

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Sanibel's shared use path system (26 miles) experienced damage from the storm surge wash over and subsequent damage from debris placement on the ROW from Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton. Sanibel is requesting funds to repair/repave and elevate where needed, approximately 10-12 miles of the shared use path system. The system is critical in supporting resident transportation year round and heavy use by visitors during the busy tourist season. During various times of the year, Sanibel's roadway system which also provides the only access to Captiva (unincorporated Lee County) is congested and the shared use path provides a safe and well used alternative means of transportation that is separated from vehicular travel ways.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	66%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	27%
Other	250,000	7%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>3,750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2025-26	2,500,000	0	1871A	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.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

September 1, 2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2026

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

The City of Sanibel will use general funds and beach parking revenue funds for ongoing 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.

The City of Sanibel.

### 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	Repair/repave, widen, and elevate where needed, approximately 7-9 miles of the shared use pathway on Sanibel that has been damaged from the storm surge and storm debris from Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton. Includes construction administration services (engineer).	2,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

Repair and potentially widen and/or elevate portions of the shared use path for safe use by walkers, runners, and bicyclists.

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



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

Sanibel residents and visitors will benefit from improvements that will make the shared use path system safer for public use.

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

The general public will be served by the project. Approximately 100,000+ people will be served by this project annually.

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

A safe shared use path for use by walkers, runners, and bicyclists. Outcome measured by sustained/increased use of the shared use pathway.

**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 or performance measures as contractually required may lead to reduction in funding 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):**

Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton.

**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#:**

740036 (continuing negotiations w/FEMA. No funds obligated)

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**

487,562

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied



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**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

2023-2024 Appropriation and 2025-2026 Appropriation. Department of Transportation.

#### 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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