



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1879

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose that will be achieved by the funds being requested is to begin the initial phases of the Ellisville I-75/US-41 interchange improvements providing road safety enhancements and economic development to Columbia County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	38%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	5,000,000	62%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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### Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

**11. 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?

As soon as possible

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

As soon as possible

**12. 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.**

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**13. 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: Other</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	The county has requested a State RIF grant of \$5,000,000 that will focus on the necessary transportation infrastructure improvements at the interchange. The new appropriation is critical to ensure funding is in place to continue the necessary improvements.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds will expedite the significant safety improvements to the I-75 /US-41 interchange, provide access to much needed truck parking, and increase economic development opportunities in Columbia County as well as job creation in the surrounding area.

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



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The funding will allow Columbia County to continue Right-of-way acquisition activities and begin the initial phases of the planned interchange improvements.

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

By redesigning the interchange, significant safety improvements will be made in the project area for truck, automotive, and pedestrian traffic. The redesigned I-75 overpass allowing for taller commercial vehicles to transit under the interstate and eliminating the need for lengthy detours to avoid the current low-clearance-height overpass. Better traffic flow in the region will lead to new businesses and better paying jobs within the region. The construction of new truck/auto service centers at the interchange.

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

The residents of Columbia County will be the primary beneficiaries of the planned improvements. Other members of the public that travel along I-75 will also benefit from the project. No specific number has been identified but to remain consistent with the House Appropriation request, the project will serve more than 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 outcome of this project is increased safety, better traffic flow, increased economic development, and tourism for Columbia County. These can be measured by reduced traffic incidents, more vehicle throughput, and more and better paying jobs.

**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 the contract?**

Columbia County and the Florida Department of Transportation will work closely together to ensure the project is delivered. Both entities have specific language that is used when third-party contractors are selected to perform the necessary improvements.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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)



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d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number