



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3236

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Vilano Beach Main Street project revitalizes a historic art-deco community by fostering economic development, increasing multi-modal transportation, and preserving a sense of place. The scope of this project includes resurfacing, installing new hardscape, irrigation systems, lighting, electrical access points, and other pedestrian accommodations enhancements. This project will upgrade sidewalks and crosswalks to meet ADA compliance standards. This project will increase customer traffic for small businesses in the Town Center. Proposed improvements create an attractive and welcoming environment that encourages patrons to spend more time in the area and utilize restaurant, retail, and lodging services. The project will also be a catalyst for future economic development opportunities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</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)	250,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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?



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Yes

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

\$106 million in COVID-19 direct and indirect funding for: COVID-19 prevention and mitigation; business and non-profit grant programs; affordable housing; rental assistance; public transit; water and sewer infrastructure; public safety first responder efforts.

## 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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	This project includes design, construction, renovation and upgrades to infrastructure on Vilano Beach Main Street such as sidewalk resurfacing, hardscape, irrigation systems, lighting, electrical access points, and other pedestrian accommodations enhancements.	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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This project will provide improvements to Vilano Beach Main Street and support the preservation of the unique art deco Vilano Beach community. The improvements will foster economic development, multi-modal transportation, and a sense of place. The project will replace hardscape, irrigation systems, lighting, electrical access points, and other pedestrian accommodations enhancements at Vilano Beach Main Street. This project will also provide upgraded ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks.

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

Provides an improved walkable, pedestrian-friendly area for visitors. The project also opens pedestrian traffic for small business and increases opportunities for future economic development partnerships. A key focal point of this project is to provide upgraded ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks.

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

This project will improve the walking experience for citizens and visitors, provide better landscaping, sidewalks, and hardscapes along Vilano Beach Main Street, and bring economic growth to small businesses. Other benefits as an outcome of this project include creating jobs, improving the area's tax base, preserving the community's art-deco tradition, and enhancing well being of the community.

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

This project will benefit not only the residents of St. Johns County (population 306,841), residents from surrounding counties, and the 7 million tourists who visit St. Augustine each year.

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

The project provides a more inviting streetscape for residents and visitors seeking to enjoy the 100 year history of the town, as measured by VCB statistics. This project enhances multi-modal options, provides ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, as measured by construction completion documents. This project creates an identity and destination area that will be attractive to tourism market as measured by TDC statistics. The project will create jobs for construction workers and stimulate economic development in the hospitality and service industry as measured by Florida Commerce.

**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?**

If there is a performance deficiency requiring correction by the county, the agency will notify the county. The county will provide the agency with a corrective action plan describing how the county will address performance deficiencies.

**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)



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**