



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3452

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Ft Denaud Swing Bridge, owned & maintained by Hendry County, is in need of major structural, mechanical and electrical repairs which Hendry County, a fiscally constrained county, is unable to fund. Hendry County Road & Bridge staff continuously perform necessary repairs in order to keep the bridge functioning. In order to conduct these repairs, the bridge often has to be shut down and closed to both vehicular and boat traffic. This bridge is one of only two bridges in Hendry County which cross the Caloosahatchee River. These closures pose a public safety concern as the LaBelle bridge is also often closed to vehicular traffic to allow for boat traffic on the river. When both bridges are closed to vehicular traffic, motorists must travel 13+ miles west or 24+ miles east to access the other side of the river.

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	16,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	16,000,000

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)	16,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	16,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,200,000		No

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.**
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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.

Cares Act Funds \$7,332,515.00
 FHFC Funds \$186,549.70
 E911 State Board \$36,000.00
 HHS Stimulus \$25,418.81
 FAA Covid Funds \$81,372.00
 Emergency Housing Vouchers \$33,960.00
 ARPA \$4,081,140.50

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
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: Other		
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	Construction and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services	16,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		16,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Rehabilitation of a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes for residents and property owners in unincorporated Hendry County located north of the Caloosahatchee River which includes the communities of North LaBelle, Ft Denaud and Ft Denaud Acres in Hendry County and the rural community of Muse in Glades County.

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

Hiring a contractor to perform rehabilitative construction to the swing bridge. This will provide a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes and motorists as well as an operable bridge that can be opened to allow boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River (C-43 Canal).

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

An improved bridge that provides a continuum of transportation for motorists and increases the weight capacity of the bridge to provide access for public safety purposes and motorists. The rehabilitated bridge will improve the timings of bridge openings and closures that minimizes delay to recreational boat traffic and barges that utilize the Caloosahatchee River (C-43 Canal) and for motorists crossing the river. Modifications will improve the response time of public safety vehicles including fire, EMS and Sheriff's Department that utilize the bridge.

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

Residents and property owners in unincorporated Hendry County located north of the Caloosahatchee River which includes the communities of North LaBelle, Ft Denaud and Ft Denaud Acres and the rural community of Muse in Glades County.

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

Rehabilitation of the bridge. A report from FDOT confirming and demonstrating the bridge rating has increased.

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?

Revocation of funding to the State.

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



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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