



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1983

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Clearing and grubbing, along with right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, are essential pre-construction activities that will facilitate the future widening of Ellis Road. The clearing and grubbing will allow for advanced utility relocation which will result in decreasing the overall construction duration of the project. This project widens the innovation and economic corridor (IEC) for the Space Coast region, which is considered a hotbed for the aerospace and aviation industries. The significant impacts of these industries for those in Brevard County and Central Florida cannot be overstated. The nation's economic and technological interests are enhanced daily by those who live and work in this area. As this area is forecast to grow significantly, this critical regional corridor will help to accommodate ever larger volumes of travelers, commuters, and residents.

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	4,230,568
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,230,568</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)	4,230,568	8%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	38,337,971	76%
Local	8,000,000	16%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>50,568,539</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?



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

ARPA: 1st tranche of \$58.5M went to infrastructure, revenue replacement & vaccine incentive. 2nd tranche of \$58.5M went to qualified expenditures including infrastructure, negative economic impacts, public health & revenue replacement. CARES Act: \$105M for public safety needs & economic support; \$20.4M for transit, housing, fire rescue, Valkaria Airport, & Sheriff's community programs; \$32.6M for emergency rental assistance; \$6.6M for HUD Programs, \$4.2M for housing programs; \$3M for transit.

## 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.

The facility is owned by both Brevard County and the City of West Melbourne.

### 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	Pre-construction activities with clearing and grubbing to facilitate utility relocation and provide additional right-of-way acquisition funding as a safeguard against the rising inflation and unexpected increases in property appraisals.	4,230,568
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,230,568</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The appropriations request would allow the county to advance pre-construction activities with clearing and grubbing to facilitate utility relocation and provide additional ROW acquisition funding as a safeguard against the rising inflation and unexpected increases in property appraisals. This would reduce the overall construction cost in the future, accelerate the project's schedule, and help secure project delivery. This project widens the innovation and economic corridor (IEC) for the Space Coast region, which is considered a hotbed for the aerospace and aviation industries. The significant impacts of these industries for those in Brevard County and Central Florida cannot be overstated. The nation's economic and technological interests are enhanced daily by those who live and work in this area. As this region is forecast to grow significantly, this critical regional corridor will help to accommodate ever larger volumes of travelers, commuters, and residents.

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

Clearing and grubbing and ROW acquisition.

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

This project will facilitate the future widening project. This regional roadway improvement will provide improved multi-modal accessibility to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Brevard County. This project will facilitate the Ellis Road Widening, which has been a top priority for the region for decades and in fact is the #1 Space Coast TPO, #1 Brevard County Transportation, and #1 Central Florida MPO Alliance Project. The overwhelming support for this project can be found within the 45 support letters the county and Space Coast TPO collected for a recent Federal Infra Grant Application.

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

This project is part of the Ellis Road widening, which will provide improved access to the international airport, workforce development, and high-tech employment center. Ellis Road provides direct access from the Interstate for over 20,000 high tech, medical, and manufacturing jobs including but not limited to the Melbourne International Airport and surrounding aerospace and defense contractors. Melbourne International Airport also sees an estimated annual 500,000 (and growing) annual tourists.

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

This project will facilitate the Ellis Road widening which will address significant congestion along the corridor and lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Ellis Road is identified as a corridor that provides access to critical regional assets. The transportation condition benefits will be measured by the reduced duration of congestion, improved travel time for emergency response, and walking / biking on the corridor. It also improves storm-water management and flooding, directly benefiting the Indian River Lagoon.

**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?**

The county contract includes a liquidation of damages provision.

**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**



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**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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**