



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2161

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

County Road (CR) 880 from Martin Luther King Jr Blvd to State Road 80 is approximately 18 miles in length. The roadway suffers from significant rutting, cracking, sinking and pavement failures as a result of the muck that is present beneath the roadway base due to the natural geology and topography. This roadway is heavily utilized by farmers to transport crops/product from fields to processing facilities, and from farms to market. Traversing this roadway in its condition has led to spoiled crops and damaged produce, causing losses of goods and profits. This project will study the corridor to determine stabilization methods, construction costs, establish a multi-year plan to design, permit, construct and establish funding sources to upgrade the roadway. The first phase of design, permitting and construction will also be performed adjacent to an active bridge replacement project at Sam Senter Road, on this corridor.

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	25,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>25,000,000</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)	25,000,000	72%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	9,500,000	28%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>34,500,000</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?



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

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million. Funding was spent entirely on emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID-19 sheltering, testing and isolation, as well as on emergency personnel. Palm Beach County also received approximately \$290 million in American Rescue Plan Funding for pandemic-related service and infrastructure projects.

## 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.**

Palm Beach County would receive the funding as owner and maintaining agency of the roadway.

### 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	Palm Beach County Executive Staff who oversee the Capital Budget and major departmental projects.	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Palm Beach County Staff necessary to administer project from its inception in the Request For Proposals, through consultant selection, and administration of the engineering contract and review and acceptance of all study and project deliverables.	500,000
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	Engineering firm contracted to perform the complete full CR 880 study.	3,000,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of initial 2-mile segment adjacent to Palm Beach County's Sam Senter Road Bridge replacement at CR 880.	21,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>25,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

This project will allow Palm Beach County to create a long-term planning document to design, permit, construct and identify sources and timing of funding to replace approximately 18 miles of roadway through the Glades region of Western Palm Beach County. This document will be a strong tool that we will utilize to seek grant funding from the USDOT, FHWA and State of Florida as new and recurring funding opportunities arise. The funds requested now will also allow Palm Beach County to design, permit and construct a first phase of road reconstruction, approximately 2 miles in length, with our fully funded Sam Senter Road bridge replacement project along CR 880. The Sam Senter bridge replacement project is currently under design.

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

Services provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds include land surveying, geotechnical testing and analysis, conceptual engineering design for the overall planning document, determination of all permits needed, environmental analysis and impacts, design and construction cost estimates, analysis of traffic and detours/ways to maintain traffic during construction, analysis of outside and future funding sources such as grants, bonds, innovative cost-sharing and matching County funding needed, and development of a long-term schedule to implement all phases of reconstruction of 18 miles of roadway. For the 2-mile segment we hope to construct with the Sam Senter bridge replacement, full design, permitting, construction and construction engineering and inspection services will be provided.

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

This rural 2-lane roadway is the only other east-west roadway besides SR 80/US 441 that links the City of Belle Glade to the greater West Palm Beach metropolitan area. This roadway provides an alternate route to citizens and commercial traffic traversing the rural areas of Palm Beach County. CR 880 carries significant truck and farming traffic for our agricultural industry in this rural area of Palm Beach County, serving as a primary route to deliver fresh produce and goods to market and ports throughout the southeast region of Florida.

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

The target population most directly served by improving this roadway is those who live in the Glades region and western Palm Beach County, and travel to work, schools, businesses, medical care, etc in the eastern and more urban areas of eastern Palm Beach County, as well as the numerous farms and agricultural entities that transport their crops to processing and packing facilities, and then to distribution and market in the eastern region of south Florida.

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

To maintain this road, Palm Beach County has funding set aside to mill and resurface sections of CR 880 annually. Due to the muck beneath the roadway, the mill and resurfacing work on CR 880 has an approximate lifespan of 5-7 years. The lifespan of milling and resurfacing a roadway on a stabilized roadbase (no muck) is generally 15-20 years. Reconstruction of the roadway to remove the muck and replace it with a stabilized base will offer a significantly longer lifespan of the roadway and will significantly reduce maintenance costs of the roadway by Palm Beach County. A cost-benefit analysis will be performed with the study and reduction in County maintenance costs will be calculated and included in the long-term planning study for future reconstruction of the roadway in its entirety.

**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?**

Our standard construction contract includes the assessment of liquidated damages.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

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

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

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



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#### 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)

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