



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3053

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Starke has been bypassed and overpassed by the Florida Department of Transportation projects on SR301. The new traffic patterns have the potential to change the shape and feel of Downtown Starke. The FDOT projects have alleviated traffic congestion and provide better free flow of traffic during evacuations however, downtown businesses are suffering as a result of the bypass and overpass. The City's historic downtown and brick lined streets will be reimagined as a regional destination with a focus on interconnectivity, lakes, bike trails, public parks and local businesses. In order to accomplish this feat, the City is seeking funding to upgrade the downtown water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure beneath the streets.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	100%

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.

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.

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	Engineering service, design and construction.	500,000
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	Design/Construction and installation of upgraded downtown water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure beneath the streets.	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Upgrade the downtown water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure beneath the streets. This will allow the City's historic downtown and brick lined streets to be re-imagined as a regional destination with a focus on interconnectivity, lakes, bike trails, public parks and local businesses. This will correct changes brought about by FDOT bypasses and overpasses.



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

Construction and installation of upgraded downtown water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure beneath the streets.

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

None

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

City of Stark - Population 5,822

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

Increased interconnectivity, recreation and exercise options, and local business. Measured by increased tourism to the area, increased foot-traffic around the city leading to more economic engagement, more jobs created in the area, increase in taxable revenue.

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?

Downtown water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure beneath the streets will not be upgraded and due to the FDOT bypasses/overpasses, the city will continue to stagnate in terms of it's economy and job creation. There will be less opportunities for community connection, physical activity, tourism and revenue.

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)

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?