



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1047

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Design and permitting funding support for the second Fort Hamer two-lane bridge. The second bridge, which would be parallel to the existing bridge will double the capacity of this essential North-South thoroughfare. This corridor plays an ever-increasing role as a parallel reliever for I-75 and provides regional connections among Manatee, Sarasota, and Hillsborough Counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	6,000,000	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?

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



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Manatee County received \$70 million in CARES Act funding for costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is being disbursed to four primary groups in the community including residents, business owners, nonprofits, local government partner agencies, and community partners. Manatee County has been designated a recipient of \$78 million from the American Rescue Plan.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/1/2029

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.

Manatee County Government.

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	Funds will be use toward the design and permitting costs for the second Fort Hamer Bridge through a request for proposal process.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the requested funds is to provide financial support for the design and permitting of the second Fort Hamer Bridge. This bridge is a critical component for the Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Upper Manatee River Road, and Fort Hamer Road, North-South thoroughfare corridor that spans the entire County. The second bridge will double the corridor's capacity, improve its role as a parallel reliever for I-75 and regional connections among Manatee, Sarasota, and Hillsborough counties.

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

Roadway capacity improvements for this thoroughfare corridor.

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

Traffic congestion relief, multimodal connectivity, improve roadway safety for vehicles and pedestrians, reduce commuting times, improve access to evacuation routes, and create job opportunities.

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

General population. The project will serve all individuals who live and travel in and around the project area.

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

The expected benefit of this project to increased level of service for the users of the roadway corridor and improve roadway safety. Traffic Information Systems Section will monitor, study, and collect traffic and accident (vehicle and pedestrian) data and include in the Sarasota-Manatee Regional Traffic Management (RTMC) quarterly and annual reports.

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 penalties for failing to meet deliverable or performance measures should include withheld disbursement, auditing measures, and potential loss of funds.

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



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☐ 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