



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2344

1. Project Title

Inverness - West Inverness City Trail and Withlacoochee State Trail Connector

2. Senate Sponsor

Blaise Ingoglia

3. Date of Request

02/28/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Paving of 1.4 miles of trail way to connect West Inverness Trail with Withlacoochee State Trail. And construction of a trail head with parking and a restroom. The multi-purpose aspect of the project will appeal to a wide spectrum of age groups. Parents with small children - trail head park. Teens - park and trail activities. Adults / seniors - walking, jogging, dog walking and cycling

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted?

No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,250,000</b>

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)	2,250,000	79%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	21%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,850,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No

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?

Yes



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

Cares Act - \$600,000 (Economic Development & Recovery)  
\$250,000 (Fire & Public Safety)

## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2024

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.

City of Inverness owns the West Inverness Trail and trail head location.

### 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	Construction and supplies.	2,250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,250,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Increased tourism from cyclists utilizing the Withlacoochee State Trail. Improved multi-generational healthy living/lifestyle for current residents and visitors . Better economic development potential for an area of low-moderate income households. Enhanced environmental protection for native wildlife and residential potable water wells. Wastewater main to eliminate existing septic tanks. Improved ground and surface water quality.

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



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Will provide bicycle access to retail, restaurants, parks, medical arts district, and community college. Provide the infrastructure necessary to catalyze development of the adjacent platted subdivisions containing 1,500 single-family lots. introduce the large number of cyclists using the Withlacoochee State Trail to the West Inverness Gateway to the City featuring a new restaurant and access to the 300 acre Whispering Pines Regional Park. Will provide a new venue for all age groups to get outside and improve health and fitness This portion of Inverness represents an area of 49.3 % low to moderate income households. The connector will help these residents access employment, retail, transit, and services without owning an automobile.

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

Increased parks and recreation opportunities. Enhanced multi-modal transportation choices. Economic development from the multi-billion dollar cycling industry in Florida.

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

>800 The multi-purpose aspect of the project will appeal to a wide spectrum of age groups. Parents with small children - trail head park. Teens - park and trail activities. Adults / seniors - walking, jogging, dog walking and cycling.

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

Improve transportation conditions - Count of trail connector users and reduction or daily vehicular counts at trailheads.  
Increase or improve economic activity - Number of new permits issued for single-family homes.  
Increase Tourism - Count of users accessing the regional park and count of users on the trail connector  
Improvewastewatermanagement - Track the number of septic tanks removed.  
Enrich cultural experience - The establishment of a western gateway to the City using public art, signage, and special lighting complemented by the proposed new trail and park.

**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?**

Any monies received from the state would be returned in like amounts for either percentage incomplete or in totality for project not commencing.

**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**