



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1502

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This bridge serves as a connecting point for Citizens driving between Hillsborough County and Manatee County. It currently experiences heavy farm traffic seasonally and is frequently used by trucks for detours. This existing bridge will be replaced with a Florida Slab Beam (FSB) a 139 ft. long 3-span bridge. The new bridge will include two 12 foot wide travel lanes with 10 foot wide shoulders. The current roadway profile will be raised approximately 6 feet to meet the design flood elevation requirements. The PD&E and design phases have already been funded; these requested funds will be for construction.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,500,000	100%

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?**



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

Hillsborough County received \$256.8 million in CARES Act dollars. The vast majority of the funds were distributed into the community for recovery and business assistance programs. To date, the county has received \$143 million of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA funding was utilized for community investment, infrastructure, and pandemic response.

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.

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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	This existing bridge will be replaced with a Florida Slab Beam (FSB) a 139 ft. long 3-span bridge. The new bridge will include two 12 foot wide travel lanes with 10 foot wide shoulders. The current roadway profile will be raised approximately 6 feet to meet the design flood elevation requirements. The PD&E and design phases have already been funded; these requested funds will be for construction.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance



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

This narrow, functionally obsolete bridge with a detour length of 17 miles has exceeded its 50 year designed service life by 20 years. The perceived risk is high considering the unknown condition of its timber piles. CR-579 is an important collector road that provides connection with Manatee County. The goal is to replace the bridge with a wider, safer structure which meets current standards and increases the bridge's capacity and reliability for planned future development in the area.

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

Hillsborough County intends to be good stewards of public funding should this project receive an award. In the event that Hillsborough County fails to perform or meet deliverables, notice shall be provided to the agency and such governing agreement may be terminated by the agency effective as of the date of receipt of the default notice. As a result, any unused funds may be remitted to the agency.

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

A new transportation facility will be constructed providing mobility to the surrounding communities.

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

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

Maintaining the channel integrity of this ecologically important waterway. Providing a safer experience for vehicular traffic when crossing this high bridge and ensuring that the bridge remains open so that Emergency vehicles can avoid the 17 mile detour, thus maintaining current response times. Minimizing future repairs and preventing a potential catastrophic failure of the structure resulting in environmental damage. A reduction in the number of guardrail repairs will indicate that the bridge widening has been effective.

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?

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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



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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