



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1692

1. **Project Title** Lee County Sanibel Causeway Improvements2. **Senate Sponsor** Lizbeth Benacquisto3. **Date of Request** 12/06/20194. **Project/Program Description**

The Sanibel Causeway Improvement Project would provide stabilization to the eroding shorelines of Sanibel Causeway Center Islands A & B which have experienced chronic erosion which threatens both the use of the causeways themselves but the roadway and bridges they support. The Sanibel Causeway is the only evacuation route for the residents, tourists and visitors to Sanibel Island and Captiva. The project will reduce erosion and provide necessary stabilization to the only emergency evacuation route. In addition to repairing erosion along the shoreline, standardized parking will be provided for Causeway Islands A and B, and a pavilion and restrooms will be constructed on Island A. This will ensure the causeway area properly controls and treats stormwater as well as providing enhanced public access for residents and visitors. The project will use 25% local funds and 75% state funds.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of TransportationState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,800,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,800,000	74.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	2,002,600	26 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>7,802,600</b>	<b>100 %</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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**10. 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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	1. The project will provide necessary erosion control to provide stabilization of the only emergency evacuation route from Captiva and Sanibel Islands; 2. Increase the value of the park as a tourist attraction by adding beach sand, compacted shell and paved ADA parking spaces to Islands A & B, picnic pavilion, event parking area and improve access to fishing. on both islands; 3. Reduce erosion and stormwater runoff; 4. Add erosion control structures.	5,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		5,800,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose that will be achieved by the funds being requested is to stabilize the shorelines of Sanibel Causeway Center Islands A and B, which have experienced chronic erosion caused by coastal forces, tidal events, and stormwater runoff from the roadway. To provide structured and standardized parking on both islands by adding compacted shell and paved ADA parking, portable restrooms on Island A, add beach sand, picnic pavilion and improve access to fishing on both islands. The Sanibel Causeway is the only evacuation route for residents and visitors to Sanibel and Captiva Islands. This project will prevent erosion and stabilize the evacuation route.

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

The activities that are provided on both islands have been a very popular destination since built and can be accessed from the water as well. Some of the many activities enjoyed are fishing, wading/swimming, picnicking, canoeing/kayaking, wind surfing, kite boarding, shelling, sun bathing or relaxing in the shade. Traffic services will be enhanced through stabilization of the evacuation route.

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

The direct services that will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project are recreational amenities and stabilization of the only emergency evacuation route from Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

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

The targeted population served by this project is for the general public, residents and tourist. All of Lee County would benefit from this project and the approximately 2 to 3 million visitors to Sanibel and Captiva annually. The stormwater improvement will positively impact the waters of Pine Island Sound and the Gulf of Mexico, both regional and state resources. The population for Lee County is 740,000.

- 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 is to remedy the long-term degradation of aesthetics and recreational use of a valuable park and tourist attraction. Increase the value of the park as a tourist attraction by adding beach sand, ADA paved parking, compacted shell parking spaces, picnic pavilions and event parking area, and improve access to fishing. Reduce erosion and stormwater runoff on the Causeway. Park Rangers daily reports showing the number of people at the site. The project will also maintain and improve the emergency evacuation route.

- 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 in the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures will result in the funds being returned to the state.



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12. **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.**

Lee County owns and operates this facility, as of October 2019.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.