



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1973

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Request funds to execute a feasibility study and necessary preliminary engineering to adequately determine project viability to extend the Amelia Island Trail from the 8th Street and Amelia Island Parkway Intersection to the 14th Street and Sadler Road Intersection. This segment provides an integral connection through an existing under served community to the remainder of the AIT. Request the Legislature allocate \$225,000 to execute a feasibility study and necessary preliminary engineering to adequately determine project costs and constraints to extend the Amelia Island Trail from the 8th Street and Amelia Island Parkway Intersection to the 14th Street and Sadler Road Intersection. This segment provides an integral connection through an existing underserved community to the remainder of the AIT. \$17,598,964 has already been funded for the greater Amelia Island Trail network.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	225,000
Total State Funds Requested	225,000

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)	225,000	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 2023-2024	225,000	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.

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

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)?

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	Request funds to execute a feasibility study and necessary preliminary engineering to adequately determine project viability. This segment provides an integral connection through an existing under served community to the remainder of the AIT.	225,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		225,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

A feasibility study will be performed to determine whether it is viable to design and construct a shared-use path connecting the Amelia Island Trail from the 8th Street and Amelia Island Parkway intersection to the 14th St. and Sadler Road intersection.

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

If the study determines the construction is feasible, funds can be secured in the future to provide a safe multi-modal transportation alternative for residents and visitors on the island.

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

All citizens of and those doing business with Nassau County including the elderly, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, and economically disadvantaged persons.

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

The trail promotes healthy and active lifestyles by providing a convenient facility designed specifically for cycling and walking. Numerous studies have demonstrated countless benefits linking improved mental health and general well-being with increased physical activity. This can be measured through resident surveys. The trail will connect historic Fernandina Beach to state parks, ethnically rich American Beach, and scenic nature along the island. With fewer vehicles on the road and more pedestrians and cyclists using the trail, high speed crashes and fatalities are expected to be reduced. Provide a healthier, greener alternative to vehicular use. This would in turn alleviate traffic congestion on the constrained barrier island network and provide safe recreational and commuter opportunities. Trails interconnecting the island provide for a leisurely way to visit all cultural, historic, and scenic parts of the island via foot or bike. This, in turn, promotes tourism.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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)



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- 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