



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2695

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Benson Junction Road has not been updated in over 50 years and is not conducive to today's commercial and industrial traffic flows. A primitive storm water system which floods the road, is adjacent to businesses and contributes to untreated runoff to Gemini Springs, a State Outstanding Spring which is only 500' to the East of this road. It is a main business artery and improvements will serve as an economic development driver to help attract new business to Main Street and help to retain existing ones.

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	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

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)	1,250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,250,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	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?

No



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

DeBary received \$10.6 million. These monies have been earmarked for more critical stormwater projects and the purchase of conservation land.

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?

October 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 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.

Benson Junction is owned and maintained by the City of DeBary

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	Funding will urbanize the road, adding curbs, gutters, turning lanes, lane width and sidewalks for better traffic flow and pedestrian safety in our commercial and industrial areas. The installation of a storm water system will prevent future flooding of the road and adjacent businesses from storms and hurricanes. Controlling the untreated runoff will help with the pollution of Gemini Springs.	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Benson Junction is to reconstruction the road and install a stormwater system to prevent flooding and improve water quality of Gemini Springs, a State outstanding spring. . The road is a major economic thoroughfare between the City's industrial district and DeBary's new downtown, which is breaking ground in 2023. Acceleration of this project is needed to keep pace of growth in our TOD area. It will significant improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, as this road does not have any sidewalks or trails. There are three (3) State trails that intersect at the corner of Benson Junction and Highway 17-92, making it the trail hub of Central Florida.

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

Reconstruction and installing a stormwater system will prevent the road and adjacent business from flooding during heavy rains and hurricanes. This road is entirely within the Gemini Springs Remediation Area and it will provide much needed water quality improvement. It will be one of the main thoroughfares to DeBary new downtown, bring visitors and bicyclist. By adding sidewalks and multi-use trail, we will significant improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

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

Better, efficient and safer transportation infrastructure for our residents, businesses, and business customers for both our downtown and industrial areas. Adding new and longer turn lanes will improve traffic flow for all travelers.

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

Local retail and industrial businesses and their customers. It will also serve residents, visitors and State trail users who want and need access to DeBary ecotourism assets and new downtown.

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

Significantly improving commercial and residential traffic flow, accelerate transportation infrastructure to meet growth, improve water quality by install a stormwater system, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, reduce flooding.

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?

As with any contract, penalties should be applied for not meeting deadlines.

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