



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2938

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Due to the tremendous growth in the City of Freeport and Walton County, a connector road is needed to alleviate the congestion that is becoming progressively worse along SR-20, especially at the intersection of SR-20 and US 331. The project will improve driver and pedestrian safety along SR-20 and US 331 by reducing the traffic passing through this busy thoroughfare.

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	7,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,500,000

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)	7,500,000	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	7,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	3,500,000	1988A	No

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.

The City of Freeport received approximately \$1 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act that were used towards water and sewer infrastructure.

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)?

No

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.

The City of Freeport is the owner and entity

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	The scope of services for this project includes construction of the connector road, including a 60-ft ROW, two 11-ft travel lanes, a stormwater system, a 1,500-ft span bridge crossing Four Mile Creek, and 2,500-ft of roadway.	7,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The project will alleviate traffic congestion that is becoming increasingly problematic along these busy thoroughfares.

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



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The proposed improvements will include the design and construction of a connector road to alleviate traffic along SR-20 and the intersection of SR-20 and US 331. The bypass project will offer an alternative route to the congestion that currently exists in this region.

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

Driver and pedestrian safety will be increased by reducing traffic passing through the SR-20/US 331 intersection. This intersection is currently the main arterial road through the city. A reduction in traffic delays would benefit those commuting to work in and around the area.

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

All users in the City of Freeport, residents and property owners in Walton County, as well as visitors; greater than 8,000 people.

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

Improvements to the roadway and transportation system will improve traffic flow, access, and safety to local businesses and residents. Once improvements are complete a survey of the local residents and businesses impacted by the improvements can be performed. In addition, a visual inspection of the traffic flow and vehicle usage will be made.

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?

The funding agency can elect to not fund future phases of the city's plan. The city will award the contract through the bid process. The bid documents will spell out liquidated damage costs for project overruns. The bid document will also require the selected contractor to provide performance and payment bonds to the city and a 10% retainer will be withheld until all issues are corrected.

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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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