



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2657

1. Project Title Hurricane Assistance - Lee County - Big Hickory, Little Carlos Pass & New Pass Bridges PD & E Study

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 02/23/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Lee County will prepare a Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) study for the replacement of all three bridges due to their age, functional obsolescence, and damage from Hurricane Ian, the Category 4 storm, which made landfall in Lee County Sept. 28, 2022. The study will obtain Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) for the replacement of the three bridges. Design and plan preparation would be taken to the 30% level to determine the social, economic, and environmental effects of feasible build alternatives for the bridge and approach improvements.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	8,000,000	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?

Yes



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

Lee County used CARES Act - \$168.5m, Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) 2021 - \$23.3m, and ARPA - \$188m for household rent, mortgage, utilities, childcare, food distribution assistance; for small businesses relaunch, mitigation of the spread of the virus, and technical assistance; for local programs for public health, behavioral health, workforce training, affordable housing, homelessness services, educational disparities; and for County infrastructure projects.

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?

March 2028

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 2031

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.

Lee County Board of County Commissioners

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	Consulting/ Contracted Services/ Study	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

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?

The three Hickory Bridges provide connections between the barrier islands from the Black Island to the City of Bonita Springs. The funds will be used to complete the PD&E study to obtain LDCA and NEPA approvals. Once completed, the Board of Commissioners would decide if they want to proceed with the Design Phase or a Design/Build phase.

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

The PD&E project would accelerate the pre-construction activities required to replace the three bridges and set them up for construction replacement.

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

General (the majority of funds will benefit no specific group)

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

1. The bridge connections between the barrier islands provide the day to day transportation network for residents and employers in Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Springs and multiple developments in between. This roadway and bridges are also an important hurricane evacuation route. The detour without these bridges is over 30 miles. A model will be used to document the level of congestion and delay if bridges were not open and a detour was in place.
2. Replace three bridges to address their age, functional obsolescence, and damage from Hurricane Ian as well as add pedestrian features that currently do not exist. Pedestrian crash statistics will be compared now that a dedicated feature exists and pedestrians are not having to use the travel lane.

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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to cancellation.

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)



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☒ 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