



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1194

1. **Title of Project:** Rehabilitation of the Fort Denaud Bridge

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kathleen Passidomo

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Fort Denaud Swing Bridge is owned and maintained by Hendry County and is currently in need of major structural, mechanical, and electrical repairs which Hendry County, a fiscally constrained county, is unable to fund. Hendry County Road & Bridge staff continuously perform necessary repairs in order to keep the bridge functioning. In order to conduct these repairs, the bridge often has to be closed to both vehicular and boat traffic. Because this bridge is one of only two bridges in Hendry County which cross the Caloosahatchee River, these closures pose a public safety concern as the LaBelle bridge is also often closed to vehicular traffic to allow for boat traffic on the river. When both bridges are closed to vehicular traffic, motorists must travel 13+ miles in either direction to access the other side of the river. The current weight restrictions on the bridge prevent emergency vehicles and school buses from utilizing the bridge.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Transportation

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	11,525,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>11,525,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	11,525,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>11,525,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		1,000,000	1918	Yes

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



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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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering, construction, and Inspection.	11,525,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>11,525,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Provide fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes and motorists, and an operable bridge that can be opened to allow boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River, which is an east/west connector for commercial marine vehicles.

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

Preparation of construction plans by an engineering firm, and construction by a contractor for renovations to the swing bridge. This will provide a fully functioning river crossing for public safety purposes and motorists and an operable bridge that can be opened to allow boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River (C-43 Canal).

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Public safety services and continuum of transportation to provide a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing access for public safety purposes and motorists, and an operable bridge that can be opened to allow recreational boat traffic and barges to utilize the Caloosahatchee River (C-43 Canal). Modifications will allow public safety vehicles including fire, EMS, and Sheriff Department's to utilize the bridge.

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

Provide a fully and efficiently functioning river crossing for public safety purposes for residents and property owners in unincorporated Hendry County located north of the Caloosahatchee River which includes the communities of North LaBelle, Ft Denaud, Ft Denaud Acres, and the rural community of Muse in Glades County.

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



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An improved operational bridge and a report from FDOT confirming and demonstrating the bridge rating has increased.

- 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?**

Standard contract penalties.

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Hendry County

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  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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