



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1585

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

4. Project/Program Description

Design and construct a Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) trail connection between Green Mountain Scenic Overlook and Trailhead and Hancock Trail to complete a 40 mile trail around Lake Apopka, so that cyclists and pedestrians from across Florida, the United States, and around the world do not have to utilize roads that lack bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	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 2021-2022	3,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	750,000	1958A	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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?

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



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The county, in general, received relief.
However, this project received no COVID-19 funding.

\$64 million: Business and rental assistance, Government response and compliance (PPE)

11. 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	Design, permitting, construction bid documents, and construction of a SUN trail connection between Green Mountain Scenic Overlook and Trail head and Hancock Trail to complete a 40 mile shared-use, nonmotorized trail around Lake Apopka.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Connect Green Mountain Scenic Overlook and Trailhead to Hancock Trail to create a 40 mile loop trail around Lake Apopka so that cyclist and pedestrians do not have to travel on shoulderless roads with cars to use the three existing trail systems (South Lake Trail (Coast to Coast), Hancock Trail, West Orange Trail (Coast to Coast)) and Lake Apopka Loop Trail to circumnavigate the lake.

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

Creates a safe SUN trail around Lake Apopka that will sit on the Florida Coast-to-Coast trail.

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

Safe access to 40 miles of a shared-use, nonmotorized trail around Lake Apopka and a tourist destination for residents, visitors, and athletes.

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

Cyclists, pedestrians, athletes, and other trail users that are local, national and international. 750,000 estimated users annually and 1,000,000 trips for the entire trail system. Populations of Lake County and adjacent counties are 374,000 in Lake County and 1,390,000 in Orange County. Total area population is 1,764,000.

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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The trail will provide increased economic and health benefits to the residents and visitors of Lake and Orange counties and the communities of Minneola, Clermont, Montverde, and Ferndale through eco and sports tourism and a safe place for cyclists, pedestrians, and other trail uses. The trail will also allow for educational opportunities on the restoration of Lake Apopka and the unique topography of this region culminating at Sugarloaf Mountain which is the highest natural point in peninsular Florida. Lake County needs assessment and the adopted county-wide Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plans.

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 contracting agency may consider liquidated damages for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures.

13. 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.

Lake County Board of County Commissioners



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number