



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1273

1. Project Title North Francisco Street Improvements - Clewiston

2. Senate Sponsor Kathleen Passidomo

3. Date of Request 11/09/2021

4. Project/Program Description

A project to advance tourism and transportation safety efforts by improving the North Francisco Street access off the U.S. 27 highway corridor within the Clewiston city limits to the lakefront area. Improvements would include streetscape type enhancements identified for this area in a 2020 FDOT Planning Studio vision plan for the city's primary transportation corridor. Funding would provide for enhancements such as landscape, public art, utilities upgrades, lighting, wayfinding signage, and other multimodal transportation safety improvements appropriate for the vicinity (e.g. pedestrian, golf cart, and bicycle, as well as vehicular upgrades).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	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 2022-2023	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?

Yes



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

The city did not receive any direct funding. The city received funding indirectly from Hendry County for eligible expenses to fund public safety salaries in the amount of \$890,000.

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	Improvements would include streetscape type enhancements such as landscape, public art, utilities upgrades, lighting, wayfinding signage, and other multimodal transportation safety improvements (e.g. pedestrian, golf cart and bicycle, as well as vehicular upgrades).	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The proposed funding would provide the city the opportunity to advance tourism and transportation safety efforts in the North Francisco Street access area off the U.S. 27 highway corridor within the city limits that provides the lone access to the lakefront area.

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

Improvements would include streetscape type enhancements identified for this area in a 2020 FDOT Planning Studio vision plan for the city's primary transportation corridor.

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

Improvements will positively impact public health, safety, and welfare by improving the streetscape of the North Francisco Street area which provides the only access point to the lakefront area and its varied public recreational type facilities.

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

As the North Francisco Street access provides the lone lakefront vehicular ingress and egress point in Hendry County to Lake Okeechobee, the entire population of 40,000 in the county as well as the thousands of daily travelers utilizing the U.S. 27 highway corridor through the City of Clewiston who are interested in accessing the lakefront area and its amenities will benefit from the proposed improvements to the corridor and vicinity.

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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Enhanced public health, safety, and welfare are the expected benefits and outcomes of this project for all visitors and residents of Clewiston and Hendry County who utilize this route for recreation, tourism activities, or business or personal uses. Improved safety statistics can be measured and compared to data prior to the safety related improvements. The City of Clewiston economic development enhancement efforts, specifically those focused on tourism industry expansion, are expected to be beneficial outcomes of this project as well and can be measured. Enhanced private investment in the area will result from improved access and visitation and also can be measured locally via tax records, sales tax revenues, and other available data.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient. As these are public investments in infrastructure and provided that the city uses the funds appropriately under state agency oversight, no penalties should be incurred by the responsible local government agency.

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.

The City of Clewiston is the sole owner and responsible party for maintenance of the public facilities and right-of-ways in which the proposed capital improvements to be constructed with the requested funding are located.



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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