



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2668

1. Project Title Okaloosa County US 98 Bridge-to-Bridge Multi-Use Path

2. Senate Sponsor George Gainer

3. Date of Request 01/26/2022

4. Project/Program Description

The project is the construction of a multi-use pathway entirely within the FDOT right-of-way of US 98 on Okaloosa Island from near Pier Road at the western end of Okaloosa Island to the western terminus of the Marler Bridge in Destin. The pathway will be 12 ft. wide and approximately 4.3 miles long. Incidental to the construction of the pathway will be safety barriers where necessary, environmental fencing to protect Eglin AFB protective buffers and areas (protected species and habitat areas), and upgraded parking areas at three Eglin AFB-designated beach access points adjacent to the pathway. An Environmental Assessment has been completed and a finding of no significant impact rendered. The design of this project is underway and fully funded by the BCC.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	4,000,000	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?



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Yes

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

Okaloosa County BCC has expended approximately \$37 million in federal assistance for a variety of costs as a result of COVID-19.

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	Construction of a multi-use pathway with safety barriers where necessary, environmental fencing to protect Eglin AFB protective buffers and areas (protected species and habitat areas), and upgraded parking areas at three Eglin AFB-designated beach access points adjacent to the pathway.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The creation of a multi-use pathway away from the US 98 travel lanes that provides safe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.

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

The construction of a multi-use pathway.

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

A safe route from west Okaloosa Island to Destin that is set back from the heavily traveled (approximately 45,000 vehicles per day, two-way) lanes of US 98. This route has had a vehicle/pedestrian and vehicle/cyclist accident rate 5.5 times higher than that of the state.

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

Commuters (pedestrian) that travel between west Okaloosa Island and Destin and recreation enthusiasts. The project also adds to the Great Northwest Coastal Trail Corridor which is a Land Trail Priority identified by FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails. In 2016/2017 it was determined that these trails across Florida saw 8,790 users/trail mile which translates for this project approximately 37,400 users annually.

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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Increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists through an area that has had vehicle/pedestrian and vehicle/cyclist accident rate 5.5 times higher than that of the state. Outcome would be by monitoring FDOT's Crash Analysis Reporting System.

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 and/or revocation of grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

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 owners of the facility/infrastructure will be the Okaloosa County BCC.



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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