



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2121

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project provides for new Riverwalk segments on the west side of the Hillsborough River and a suite of transportation improvements along existing roadway segments, and connecting pathways between them. In addition, living shoreline segments along the west bank of the Hillsborough River will help mitigate storm surge impacts to the newly built infrastructure and West Tampa neighborhoods. It will be the final connection in a 12-mile path along the Hillsborough River.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	3%
Matching Funds		
Federal	28,000,000	48%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	28,250,000	49%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	57,750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☒ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

City general fund revenue

11. 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.

City of Tampa

12. 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		
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 West Riverwalk and related improvements	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This project will enable better transportation connections between the neighborhoods and community resources, including affordable housing in the Rome Yard redevelopment, access to the Hillsborough River waterfront, the urban jobs core, Bayshore Linear Park, Tony Jannus Park, Plant Park, and Julian B Lane Park.

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

Construction of a 15-foot wide riverfront pathway and safety improvements in the surrounding neighborhoods.

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



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Public access to the waterfront for generations to come, and a safe transportation route.

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

400,000 Tampa residents and millions of visitors.

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

Number of users, dollar value of new surrounding development, and reduction in accidents.

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 contractual penalties.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☒ Yes

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☒ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricane Milton

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):



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17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.