



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3043

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

4. Project/Program Description

Manatee County is seeking funding to complete planning, design, permitting and construction of Gateway Greenway Trail segments connecting Lincoln Park in Palmetto to Parrish along County road rights-of-way. Florida Power and Light utility corridors and railroad track right-of-way. Only 1 in 3 residents in this HUD-designated area have access to an automobile, and this trail investment will help provide safe access to employment, goods and services for the transportation-disadvantaged. This trail segment will allow for an eventual dedicated off-road trail connection between Lincoln Park to Ola Mae Sims Park in Parrish, with connections to Parrish Community High School, State College of Florida - Parrish Campus and the Florida Railroad History Museum.

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 | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,000,000 |

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) | 1,000,000 | 58% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 725,000 | 42% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 1,725,000 | 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 | | |
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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.
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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

12/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2027

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

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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.

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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 | Design, Permitting and construction of segments of the Gateway Greenway trail beginning at Lincoln Park in Palmetto, Florida, extending east to Parrish, Florida. (\$725,000 local match) | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

To complete planning, design, permitting and construction of Gateway Greenway Trail segments connecting Lincoln Park in Palmetto to Parrish along County road rights-of-way. Florida Power and Light utility corridors and railroad track right-of-way. Only 1 in 3 residents in this HUD-designated area have access to an automobile, and this trail investment will help provide safe access to employment, goods and services for the transportation-disadvantaged.

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



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Access to safe ADA accessible trail routes for multi-purpose. Only 1 in 3 residents in this HUD-designated area have access to an automobile, and this trail investment will help provide safe access to employment, goods and services for the transportation-disadvantaged as well as exercise experiences.

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

Opportunities for outdoor recreation, better access to employment, goods and services for the transportation-disadvantaged.

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

Regional county-wide accessibility to ADA accessible trails constructed in accordance with Florida Greenways and Trails design standards.

Trail users in surrounding county-managed preserves exceed 250,000 visitors per year.

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

Spending time in nature promotes brain health and performance. As neuroscientists Eva Selhub and Alan Logan mention in their book "Your Brain on Nature," "Green exercise is like exercise squared." Science demonstrates that increased time for outdoor exercise in a passive setting reduces the risk of brain illness including depression, anxiety, and cognitive decline. UK researcher Mathew White and colleagues found people who had spent at least two recreational hours in nature during the previous week reported significantly greater health and well-being. Only 1 in 3 residents in this HUD-designated area have access to an automobile, and this trail investment will help provide safe access to employment, goods and services for the transportation-disadvantaged as well as access for residents seeking outdoor exercise with important brain and whole-body benefits.

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?

The contracting agency (Manatee County) will be obliged to complete construction of the capital expenditure without state funding.

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

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):

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#:



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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):

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



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| b. Firm Name | <input type="text" value="Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC"/> |
| c. E-mail Address | <input type="text" value="amanda@johnstonstewart.com"/> |
| d. Phone Number | <input type="text" value="(813)345-4104"/> |

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