



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1365

1. Project Title Miami-Dade County Citrus Grove School Children and Families Pedestrian Safety Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor Ileana Garcia

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

With the highest number of pedestrian crashes in Miami-Dade County, Little Havana has seen a 160% increase in crashes over 5 years—from 145 crashes in 2020 to 386 in 2025, resulting in 284 injuries and 18 deaths. In response, Miami-Dade County has partnered with the City of Miami to transform pedestrian safety around one at-risk Little Havana school, Citrus Grove K-8 Center at 2121 NW 5th St, Miami, FL 33125. Thanks to State and local funding, Phase 1 improvements are delivering critical safety improvements along NW 22nd Ave., NW 6th St., and NW 3rd St. Phase 2 funding will complete this life-saving initiative by converting NW 3rd Street and NW 19th Avenue into a safe corridor, creating protected pathways that allow children to walk to school without fear in this working-class neighborhood. The project includes safer intersections, enhanced lighting, improved sidewalks, high-emphasis crosswalks, protective street trees, and integrated stormwater management.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	19%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	6,590,000	81%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	8,090,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26		800,000	1871A	No

9. Is future-year 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.



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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?

03/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/01/2028

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

Miami-Dade County has funding for routine maintenance of road striping. The City of Miami maintains the sidewalks, trees and lighting through the general fund.

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.

Miami-Dade County will receive the money and work collaboratively with the City of Miami (owner of the road/facility), reimbursing the city promptly.

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	Improvements around the school and on the corridors include curb extensions, sidewalk construction, sidewalk replacement, crosswalk markings, improved lighting, removal of double poles, tree plantings, drainage improvements, and relocation of sewer openings, drainage pipes, and catchment basins.	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?



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The funds will be used to design and construct pedestrian safety projects and essential stormwater improvements around Citrus Grove K-8 Center to make it safer for the children who attend the school, many of whom walk to school, and to reduce the number of pedestrian crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

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

Sidewalks will be constructed where none exist across the street from the school entrance. Crossing distances will be shortened with curb extensions. High-emphasis crosswalks and stop signs will increase pedestrian visibility for drivers. Trees will be planted every 30 feet, and sidewalks will be level (instead of sloped as is the current condition), to make it more comfortable for children to walk. Underground drainage will be upgraded. Street lighting will be upgraded.

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

Primary services include roadway safety for children walking to and from school, as well as stormwater upgrades. Citizens will have fewer collisions with cars, fewer injuries and fatalities, and a reduction in roadway flooding. Crash data from 2015-2019 compared to 2020-2025 showed a decrease in crashes at two Little Havana locations where similar safety improvements were implemented near Miami Senior High School and Jose Marti Park.

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

The target population served are children and families attending Citrus Grove K-8. 1,337 students attend the school.

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

The expected outcome is fewer pedestrian collisions, injuries and deaths, and reduced flooding on roadways. There were 18 fatalities between 2020 and 2025, and 284 injuries according to Signal 4 crash data. Signal 4 collects crash data monthly, and this data will be used to measure outcomes.

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?

There are financial penalties for failure to meet deliverables without notification as described in the contract.

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



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