



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1702

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Marion Oaks Manor Extension project involves extending the road from SW 49th Avenue to CR 475, which includes the construction of a flyover bridge over Interstate 75 (I-75). This flyover will provide a critical new route for residents south of Highway 484, offering a safe and efficient way to cross I-75. The extension of Marion Oaks Manor will also include widening the road to four lanes, addressing future traffic congestion based on projected growth in the area. The widened roadway will improve traffic flow, reduce bottlenecks, and enhance overall safety. The project will implement a stormwater management system that meets environmental standards, ensuring proper drainage and preventing flooding.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	55,000,000	96%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	57,000,000	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.



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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?

11/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2030

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

Marion County will fund maintenance of the project.

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.

Marion County's Office of the County Engineer, a department within the Marion County government will receive the funds.

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	Marion County is requesting \$2,000,000 for planning, design, and right-of-way acquisition costs associated with the project.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Marion County is requesting \$2,000,000 for planning, design, and right-of-way acquisition costs associated with the project.

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



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Environmental assessments will be conducted to comply with all regulations, and any required mitigation measures will be put in place. Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations will be necessary along the project corridor to accommodate the road extension and bridge construction.

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

This project involves extending the road from SW 49th Avenue to CR 475, which includes the construction of a flyover bridge over Interstate 75 (I-75). This flyover will provide a critical new route for residents south of Highway 484, offering a safe and efficient way to cross I-75.

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

This project will target residents and visitors traveling south of Highway 484, offering a safe and efficient way to cross I-75. The Marion Oaks subdivision houses roughly 25,300 residents. This project offers those traveling east and southeast an alternative to the existing routes. Additionally, secondary connection point from the west side of Marion County to the villages. Overall, the target population served by this project would include travelers and residents as well, which numbers in hundreds of thousands yearly.

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

The project involves extending the road from SW 49th Avenue to CR 475, which includes the construction of a flyover bridge over Interstate 75 (I-75). This flyover will provide a critical new route for residents south of Highway 484, offering a safe and efficient way to cross I-75. This will be measured by traffic congestion, traffic count, and intersection performance at locations impacted by the project. Additionally, the project will implement a stormwater management system that meets environmental standards, ensuring proper drainage and preventing flooding.

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 contract penalties including liquidated damages and the potential for failure to be awarded future contracts due to poor or lack of performance.

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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