



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1872

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As The Underline grows to 10 miles in 2026, it is critical to ensure the safety of our 2 million existing and 9 million projected visitors. The Underline runs adjacent to US 1 and crosses 34 intersections. By investing in physical and technology enhancements along The Underline, the visitor experience and the safety of all users along the adjacent streets, arterials and state highways will be improved.

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	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	67%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	250,000	33%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2024-25	0	950,000	2069A	No

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)?

Yes

##### c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2027

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

The funding stream to be used will be a mix of public dollars committed by municipalities bisected by the Underline, as well as Miami-Dade County ; and private dollars from individual donors and corporate entities and sponsors. In-park revenue will also be used.

#### 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 is the owner of the right of way beneath the Metrorail. However, The Underline Management Organization has entered into a Management Agreement to assume all operations and maintenance activities of The Underline.

#### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design, fabrication and installation of AI Systems (intelligent cameras), physical enhancements (such as barriers, signage and trail markings) and other safety improvements along The Underline.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

To enhance the safety of the 2 million+ and the projected 9 million annual users of The Underline and of the motorists, cyclists and pedestrians using the roads that intersect and run adjacent to The Underline.

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



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The Underline will work with the community to finalize its target intersections, order and permit the technology and then install the equipment.

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

The Underline will reduce the incidents of crashes by investing in this pioneering technology.

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

The target population is the 2 million+ existing and the projected 9 million annual users of The Underline and the 160,000 commuters who rely on US 1 and the intersecting roads of The Underline every day.

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

Reduced crashes among motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. We will rely on the state's Signal Four crash data, which is developed by the Florida Department of Transportation.

**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?**

Return of funds to the state.

**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#:**

**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



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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