



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1938

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Gadson Street Sidewalk & Trail project will add a new sidewalk/trail and lighting along Gadson Street from Parkwood Street to SR 50, supporting safer and healthier transportation options. The project incorporates important stormwater improvements, including a drainage swale on the west side of Gadson Street, which is necessary due to the expansion of impervious area within the FDOT right-of-way. The trail is routed along the east side, using parcel AltKey: 1437423, because constraints like utilities and city design standards limit placement options. The alignment is designed to swing around an existing utility pole and comply with buffer and width requirements, providing the needed connection to the SR 50 sidewalk while integrating adequate stormwater management measures. The project is partially funded by a local foundation (Live Well Foundation of South Lake), benefits very-low, low- to moderate-income residents, and targets completion by September 30, 2026.

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	1,350,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,350,000

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)	1,350,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	450,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,800,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/15/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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

City of Groveland Enterprise 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.

City of Groveland

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	These funds will be used to build stormwater improvements, ADA-compliant, and walkways. All expenditures will follow an approved budget and activity work plan, ensuring funds are reimbursed only for eligible construction activities that directly support infrastructure improvements, community accessibility, and environmental resilience, in compliance with state and federal grant requirements.	1,350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,350,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose and goals to be achieved by the requested state funds are to construct critical infrastructure improvements along Gadson Street Trail. These funds will enable the installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks and walkways, enhanced stormwater management systems, and roadway upgrades. The project aims to improve pedestrian safety, increase accessibility, reduce flooding, and protect water quality in Lake David. Ultimately, the funds will support community revitalization, environmental resilience, and equitable access to public spaces for low- to moderate-income residents.

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

Construction of ADA-compliant walkways, installation of advanced stormwater management systems (such as bioretention areas, swales, and drainage structures), roadway reconstruction. These activities will improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, flood mitigation, and water quality, directly supporting community revitalization and environmental resilience within the project area. All work will be performed in compliance with state and federal grant requirements and will benefit low- to moderate-income residents.

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

The appropriation project will provide direct services to citizens by constructing new ADA-compliant walkways for safer, more accessible pedestrian routes; improving stormwater management to reduce flooding and enhance water quality; upgrading roadways for better traffic flow and safety; and stabilizing the shoreline with native vegetation to protect the local environment. These improvements will increase walkability, public safety, and environmental resilience, directly benefiting residents, especially those in low- to moderate-income areas, by making public spaces safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable.

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

The target population served by this project is the residents of the City of Groveland, specifically those living in the Gadson Street corridor. The project service area is comprised of greater than 51% low- to moderate-income individuals, ensuring the project primarily benefits these groups. The City of Groveland has a population of 18,505 (2020 Census), and while the exact number of individuals directly served will depend on the final project boundaries, the improvements are designed to benefit all residents and visitors who use these public spaces, with a particular focus on increasing accessibility and safety for low- to moderate-income households.

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

The project is expected to deliver safer, more accessible pedestrian routes, improved stormwater management to reduce flooding and enhance water quality and upgraded roadways. These outcomes will increase walkability, public safety, environmental resilience, and overall quality of life for residents, especially those in low- to moderate-income areas. Outcomes will be measured by tracking the completion of ADA-compliant sidewalks and walkways, the installation and performance of stormwater systems, and the reduction in localized flooding incidents. Additional metrics may include pre- and post-project pedestrian counts, resident satisfaction surveys, water quality testing in Lake David, and documentation of improved accessibility and safety within the project area. Compliance with grant deliverables and reporting requirements will also serve as key measures of success.

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?

Withholding payment, termination of agreement.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

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):



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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):

Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- ☐ Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- ☐ Resilient Florida Grant Program
- ☐ Wastewater Revolving Loan
- ☐ Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- ☐ Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- ☐ Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- ☒ N/A

18. What is the population economic status?



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- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- ☐ Rural Area of Economic Concern
- ☐ Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- ☒ N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

Not started yet.

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

22. Requester Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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.



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