



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2434

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Cape Coral Evacuation Route Improvements - NE 24th Avenue project will widen and extend about 2.75 miles of road from State Road 78 to Del Prado Boulevard North, creating a key four-lane evacuation route. With new roundabouts, sidewalks, paths, and lighting, it's designed to reduce congestion and enhance safety—providing an additional essential, evacuation route corridor for residents during hurricanes while supporting Cape Coral's rapid growth.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	16%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	27,000,000	84%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	32,000,000	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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

The City of Cape Coral's local revenue streams will be used for 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.

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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	The Cape Coral Evacuation Route Improvements - NE 24th Ave Project will provide major transportation benefits by creating a new hurricane evacuation route, widening and upgrading about 2.75 miles of roadway, improving intersections with roundabouts, and adding sidewalks and bike lanes. These enhancements will ensure smoother travel, greater safety, and faster, more reliable emergency evacuation for Cape Coral residents.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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

The Cape Coral Evacuation Route Improvements - NE 24th Ave Project will use project funds to widen and upgrade 2.75 miles of road, optimize intersections, and add sidewalks and bike lanes—creating a vital new hurricane evacuation route. This will enhance traffic flow, safety, and connectivity, helping protect Cape Coral residents and improve transportation for all users.

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

Cape Coral Evacuation Route Improvements - NE 24th Ave Project will provide Cape Coral and Lee County citizens with safer, faster, and more reliable travel by creating a new four-lane evacuation route along the NE border. Residents will benefit from reduced congestion, safer intersections with roundabouts, and enhanced walking and biking options, improving daily mobility and emergency readiness.

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

The project will serve Cape Coral and North Fort Myers residents. Thousands of Lee County residents will be served by the project.

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

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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?

If project deliverables are not met, penalties will include repayment or forfeiture of funding. These measures are designed to ensure accountability and guarantee that approved funds are used as agreed to benefit Cape Coral and Lee County residents.

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):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply



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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):

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.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.