



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1426

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The project will reconstruct Benson Road, an arterial road, built in the 1960s that is in disrepair. It has no formal stormwater system and floods during heavy rains, impacting our industrial district. The runoff also dumps into Gemini Springs, designated by the state as an outstanding spring. There are no curbs or sidewalks making it extremely dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. The intersection of Central Florida's three major bike trails meet on Benson Junction, bringing thousands of bicyclists to this area annually.

The road is a major economic thoroughfare between the City's industrial district and DeBary's new downtown. The reconstruction will add sidewalks, gutters, and install a stormwater system to prevent flooding and improve water quality of Gemini Springs. It will significantly improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, by adding sidewalks and trails. As the gateway for our downtown, this road will see significant increase in pedestrian, bike, and golf cart traffic.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,250,000	81%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	19%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,250,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

ARPA funds were received in the amount of \$10.6M. Funds went to conservation of land, stormwater projects, and critical road infrastructure including bridge resiliency.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
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	Funding will urbanize the road, adding curbs, gutters, turning lanes, lane width and sidewalks for better traffic flow and pedestrian safety in our commercial and industrial areas. The installation of a storm water system will prevent future flooding of the road and adjacent businesses from storms and hurricanes. Controlling the untreated runoff will help with the pollution of Gemini Springs.	4,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,250,000

14. Program Performance



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

Reconstruction of the road will make it compliant with safety & storm water standards. Funding will be adding curbs, gutters, turning lanes, and sidewalks for better traffic flow and pedestrian safety in commercial/industrial areas. Installation of a storm water system to prevent flooding of the road and adjacent businesses from storms. Untreated storm water will no longer flow into Gemini Springs.

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

Road reconstruction, including installing a storm water system, gutters, curbs, and sidewalks, will allow us to meet the goals.

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

The improvement makes the road safer for citizens as they walk, bike or cart . Benson Junction is a major arterial road for our new downtown development and industrial sector in the City and will be an economic driver, increasing investment and diversification in our tax base. The improvement of the road will contribute to the clean up of Gemini Springs, currently an Outstanding Florida Spring

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

The immediate beneficiaries are the thousands of trail users, pedestrians, and industrial businesses located at this location. Within the next year, our downtown will break ground adding about 800 residences next to this project.

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

There are several immediate benefits of this project. 1) By redirecting storm water appropriately, the nutrient load, measured by DEP, in Gemini Springs will decrease. 2)flooding will be eliminated 3)safety will be increased for all road users, measured by a decrease in accidents. The city and the sheriff's office will monitor traffic safety.

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 the contract?

Nonpayment of invoices

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify) Storm water road infrastructure
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

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

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?