



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3626

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

4. Project/Program Description

Sunlake Boulevard, which, in the near future, will link S.R 52 and S.R 54, and Ridge Road, a designated hurricane evacuation route. This project aims to create a dedicated passage for pedestrians, and utility vehicles, thereby mitigating the potential for accidents involving road traffic and greatly enhancing safety for all road users.

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	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>

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)	6,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.



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\$25.6 million provider relief fund.

### 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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? Sept. 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? Sept 2025

**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.**

Pasco County

**13. 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: Other</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	Planning, construction, and engineering for 2 overpasses/bridges.	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

This pedestrian overpass represents an important transportation infrastructure project for two major thoroughfares: Sunlake Boulevard, which, in the near future, will link S.R 52 and S.R 54, and Ridge Road, a designated hurricane evacuation route. This project aims to create a dedicated passage for pedestrians, and utility vehicles, thereby mitigating the potential for accidents involving road traffic and greatly enhancing safety for all road users.

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



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Activities and services include creating a dedicated pedestrian overpass or bridge to enhance safety and reduce the risk of accidents with vehicles on the road. This also includes design, permitting, and construction, ensuring a safe and separate pathway for pedestrians.

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

These bridges will directly benefit citizens by providing two overpasses/bridges, ensuring safer pedestrian crossings and more efficient traffic flow for utility vehicles removing these from major roads. These overpasses enhance accessibility, and safety, improving the overall quality of life for the community.

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

The funds will not benefit one specific group. Over 800 individuals are expected to be served.

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

Will improve the quality of education because students will have a safe pedestrian path to walk to school. The outcome can be measured by the number of students using the route during school days. Improve the transportation conditions Improve pedestrian connectivity, enhancing safety and reducing the risk of accidents and traffic congestion. These crossings will connect different employment centers, to the adjacent residential areas. A measure of the benefit would be the construction of two pedestrian bridges which reduces the risk of accidents across two major thoroughfares (Ridge Road - classified as an evacuation route, and Sunlake Blvd - north/south connecting S.R 52 and S.R 54). Create specific contractor, engineer, environmental, and consultant immediate job opportunities.

**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?**

Reversion of funds.

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



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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