



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Community Project Funding (CPF) Requests

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide a comprehensive update regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 federal funding requests that the City plans to submit to Members of Congress for consideration in the upcoming federal appropriations process.

Background

On February 23, 2026, the House Appropriations Committee announced that it will once again accept Community Project Funding (CPF) requests – also known as earmarks – for the FY 2027 appropriations process. This funding method, previously discontinued, was officially reinstated in 2021. On February 26, 2021, the House Appropriations Committee reintroduced the practice under the new name “Community Project Funding.”

Through the CPF program, Members of Congress may request direct federal funding for specific local entities and projects that serve the public good and give taxpayers a greater voice in federal spending decisions. The Committee intends to fund community projects on a limited basis in the FY 2027 appropriations bills, with priority given to requests that address significant local needs or provide a clear and substantial public benefit. Not all requests will be funded, as each Member may submit no more than 20 CPF requests in total across all subcommittees.

To be considered, CPF requests must meet several eligibility criteria established by the Committee. Applicants must demonstrate clear community support for the project, which may be shown through letters from elected officials, press coverage, editorial board endorsements, inclusion in a state-intended use or community development plan, or a city commission or council resolution. Requested funding must apply only to Fiscal Year 2027. If a project would normally require a non-federal funding match or cost share, the requesting entity must show that it can provide that match; a minimum twenty percent (20%) local match is recommended. In addition, the recipient of CPF funds must be

either a governmental entity or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, as requests submitted on behalf of for-profit entities are not allowed.

As the City's congressional representatives, only projects located within the districts of Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20), Congressman Jared Moskowitz (FL-23), and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-25) will be considered for submission.

History of Funding Requests (2022 – Present)

Over the last several federal funding cycles, the City of Fort Lauderdale and its regional partners have secured a series of community project awards that collectively advance mobility, public safety, housing and homelessness response, parks access, and water quality.

In Fiscal Year 2022, a joint project with Wilton Manors and Oakland Park received Environmental Protection Agency funding to upgrade wastewater infrastructure and improve water quality in the Middle River, underscoring the region's commitment to shared environmental stewardship. Together, these projects demonstrate a coordinated strategy to use federal community project funding to enhance safety, resilience, access, and quality of life for residents and visitors.

The 2024 awards emphasize neighborhood-scale improvements and social services, including a \$7 million Breakers Avenue streetscape project to deliver a climate-resilient, multimodal beachfront corridor, multimodal connections and ADA upgrades around Lauderdale Manors Park and nearby parks, and a targeted "Homeless Hotspots" initiative that brings services directly to areas with concentrated encampments.

Finally, in Fiscal Year 2026, two (2) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Community Development Fund awards focus on core city priorities: transforming the Las Olas corridor into a safer, complete street that supports Vision Zero and ADA accessibility, and designing a modern public safety training complex that will serve police and fire personnel from across the tri-county area.

Planned Project Requests for FY 2027

The City is planning to pursue several priority projects for federal support that advance safety, mobility, and resilience across Fort Lauderdale.

- The **Las Olas Mobility Improvements Project**, with a request of **\$8 million**, focuses on the western portion of the corridor, including the shops segment, and will deliver corridor-wide safety, accessibility, and mobility upgrades. These improvements are designed to support a Safe System Approach, bring the corridor into compliance with ADA and Universal Design standards, improve transit and pedestrian operations, bolster economic activity and tourism access,

and enhance quality of life along one of South Florida's most active urban streets.

- The **Riverside Park Traffic Calming and Mobility Project**, requesting **\$2.4 million**, will implement a neighborhood-driven plan to add sidewalks and targeted traffic-calming measures along key streets, improving safety for residents and students traveling to and from school, addressing speeding and cut-through traffic, closing gaps in pedestrian infrastructure, and preserving the neighborhood's historic, walkable character.
- To address critical infrastructure needs, the City is also seeking **\$7 million** to replace the failing **NE 1st Street Bridge** on NE 1st Avenue over Stranahan Lake. The bridge was constructed in 1940 and has reached the end of its useful life and is now rated structurally deficient by the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Finally, a **\$500,000** request for six (6) high water emergency vehicles will strengthen the City's ability to respond to flooding, storm surge, and extreme rainfall by enabling first responders to access stranded residents, move people to shelters or medical care, and deliver essential supplies when standard vehicles cannot operate, thereby reducing response times, protecting lives and property, and improving long-term regional resilience during major storm events.

Other Project Request

The **YMCA** is requesting **\$3 million** to equip and furnish the new 48,000-square-foot Holiday Park YMCA Community Center, now under construction at 840 North Federal Highway within the 90-acre Holiday Park. The federal funds will be used for equipment, technology infrastructure, and program-related systems so that the facility can open at full operational capacity in 2027. Under the City's existing 50-year ground lease, the YMCA of South Florida will serve as the subrecipient and operate the facility. Per the YMCA, this funding would leverage a \$53 million public-private partnership that has already secured more than \$53 million in non-federal commitments. *This request is pending clarification from the Transportation Housing, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee. It is unclear at this time whether the YMCA would require the City to be the lead applicant, or if the YMCA could submit a request independently.*

Next Steps

The deadline for our specific Members of Congress to receive CPF requests is **Friday, March 6, 2026**. After that date, each Member will review and submit their selected requests to the House Appropriations Committee. The Committee will then evaluate and vet all submitted projects and notify each Member which of their requests will be recommended for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bills. Any recommended projects must still be approved as part of the final budget passed by Congress and signed into law by the President.

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1. 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program

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2024-26 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Introduction & Strategic Plan

This program reflects the City's official position regarding federal public policy that would impact the operation of municipalities. It also provides City projects and programs in need of federal funding.



Public Safety

Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.



Housing

Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.



Infrastructure and Resilience

Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.



Public Places

Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.



Business Growth and Support

Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive community.

Fundamental Principles

The City *opposes* legislation that infringes on the basic human and civil rights of Floridians. An integral portion of the advocacy effort by the Commission focuses on the Resolution process. Resolutions provide staff, advocacy teams, and federal Executive and Legislative Branches with the City's position regarding proposed legislation.

HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY OPPORTUNITIES

The Commission *supports* legislation and funding for municipalities to address homelessness and the creation of housing opportunities. This includes the evaluation of activities and initiatives that can address the root cause of homelessness while identifying ways to create additional housing opportunities in the City.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Supports the National League of Cities (NLC) Legislative Priorities and Policy Statements, unless specific issues conflict with the City's approved Legislative Priorities.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

Oppose legislation which shifts the financial burden from the state to local government, specifically municipalities.

INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Examine and address infrastructure needs related to water, wastewater, and stormwater. Integrate resilience in all decisions relating to current and future City operations, so that the city can effectively plan for, respond to, and quickly recover from disruptive events. Develop programs and implement strategies to improve traffic flow and evaluate new solutions that will alleviate congestion within the city.

The Commission *supports* legislation and funding for transportation enhancements focused on greenways, complete street initiatives, pedestrian safety, improving traffic flow, and mass transit development.

Commission Legislative Priorities | General Statements

Improve Water Quality and Wastewater Management

- Support legislation that promotes improved water quality and quantity.
- Support funding for water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements and to enhance our resilience efforts.

Infrastructure Enhancements

- Support legislation and funding for transportation enhancements focused on innovative commuter rail, inter-modal facilities, and livability options for mass-transit.
- Support continued funding for Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport capital projects and programs.

Support Public Safety Initiatives

- Support policies providing equitable funding for the Miami/Fort Lauderdale Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and policies towards adjusting the Florida Department of Emergency Management and UASI sub-allocations to municipalities based on each municipality's risk profile assessment.
- Support funding for additional emergency response capital projects, fire rescue equipment, training, and other necessary resources to maintain and enhance emergency response and fire station capabilities.
- Support policies providing resources for public safety officials (both fire and police) to protect and serve residents.

Strengthen Neighborhoods

- Support policies and funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- Support policies and funding for municipalities to create and execute a comprehensive homelessness strategy to reach net-zero homelessness within a certain period.
- Support funding for capital projects and programs that promote healthy lifestyles and access to educational and recreational programming.

Address Climate Change and Disaster Resiliency

- Support policies and funding for climate change and sea level rise mitigation projects and programs.
- Support policies encouraging energy efficiency and the development of alternative energy sources.
- Support funding for beach nourishment, revitalization, and enhancement.
- Support policies and funding for flood prevention and hazard mitigation projects and programs.

Promote Economic Stability and Business Development

- Support funding that assists in promoting the city's tourism and marine industries.
- Oppose policies that created unfunded mandates; and decrease revenue allocations to local governments.
- Support policy and funding initiatives that promote digital equity in local communities.

Appropriation Requests

**** Three projects sponsored by our Congressional Representatives have been identified with a green funding amount. ****

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Fort Lauderdale Critical Homeless Support Service Hotspots Project | **\$2,000,000**

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fort Lauderdale Ground Infrastructure Improvement Project | **\$3,000,000**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fort Lauderdale Public Safety & Professional Development Complex | **\$5,000,000**

Fort Lauderdale New Fire Station No. 13 | **\$6,100,000**

INFRASTRUCTURE & RESILIENCE

Lead and Copper Rule Compliance **Program** | **\$5,000,000**

Fort Lauderdale SE Isles Stormwater Improvements | **\$17,500,000**

Victoria Park Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements | **\$12,800,000**

TRANSPORTATION

Fort Lauderdale Las Olas Boulevard Mobility Project | **\$5,000,000**

Breakers Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project | **\$13,600,000**

Fort Lauderdale – Lauderdale Manors Park Multimodal Connections | **\$720,000**

Fort Lauderdale Laudertrail Project | **\$6,510,000**

Fort Lauderdale NE 15th Avenue Complete Streets Project | **\$4,235,000**

Fort Lauderdale Parks Connections Mobility Project | **\$810,000**

Riverland Road Traffic Calming | **\$1,100,000**

South Middle River Mobility Improvements | **\$2,400,000**

Fort Lauderdale Westwood Heights Pedestrian Improvements Project | **\$125,000**

Appropriation Request | Summaries

Selected FY 2025 Earmarks Accepted

District 20 – The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus McCormick Earmark Requests

District 23 – The Honorable Jared Moskowitz Earmark Requests

District 25 – The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz Earmark Requests

Selected FY 2025 Earmarks Accepted

FORT LAUDERDALE GROUND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT | \$3,000,000

Sponsor: Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-20)

Purpose of project

The purpose of the project is to implement infrastructure improvements that will provide the capacity and access needed to support the infrastructure required to make future development of the land a success. Improvements include but are not limited to power, fiber-optic, roadway, drainage, water, gas, etc. Power and fiber optic infrastructure will provide for world class capacity allowing for and supporting on-site state-of-the-art computer and digital technology, making the site more competitive in national and international commerce. This capacity will enable the multiple companies that will locate on site the ability to expand their on-site jobs more rapidly as well as to allow and support a much greater on-site job build-out. The data center capacity will provide the multiple on-site companies with low-cost access to data servers, which is essential to meet the job growth forecasts.

The infrastructure improvements proposed for the site will require that these utilities be installed in the public Rights of Way adjacent to the proposed development. The improvements will also be designed to provide these services to the surrounding communities by adding junction locations for future connections. The design of the improvements will be coordinated with the franchise utilities to provide sufficient capacity for future connections.

Project Benefit

The anticipated future development of the area will create over 1,000 jobs in the community. Completion of this project will attract numerous high-tech small businesses that will support a film studio amongst other technology companies that will relocate to the area. Numerous independent small businesses will be located on-site to access the state-of-the-art technology as well as the server access provided by data centers.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 20th District?

This project will change the lives of residents in Florida's 20th Congressional district by driving redevelopment to the nearby major commercial corridors (31st avenue and Sunrise Blvd) that to date have had limited new development activities and currently are the location of activities such as storage warehouses, contractor yards, and small strip centers, among other uses. Further, this public infrastructure will increase nearby public capacity. Public infrastructure to be installed/ improved will be development in public rights of way and will increase capacity for nearby residents and businesses. Specifically, this will support other technology companies that may locate on – or nearby parcels which are available for redevelopment.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

Funding will be used to place needed infrastructure to support future development.

FORT LAUDERDALE LAS OLAS BOULEVARD MOBILITY PROJECT | \$5,000,000

Sponsor: Congressman Jared Moskowitz (D-23)

Purpose of project

The Las Olas Mobility Project aims to create a complete street that allows the iconic roadway to provide residents and visitors a "Main Street" experience while also operating as a regionally significant corridor for commuters and balancing the needs of all the users. This new project supports the City's Vision Zero Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries by enhancing pedestrian safety and improving ADA facilities. Once constructed, the city will realize its vision of developing an active, unique, world-class live, work, and play-friendly streetscape.

The adopted plan reflects public feedback during plan development and adoption. Provided as part of this request is Conceptual Design Vision report for Las Olas Western Corridor completed in 2021 which describes the entire effort including public engagement aspect.

Project Benefit

Funding will assist the city to upgrade existing outdated facilities, improve accommodations for pedestrians and associated streetscape improvements and create a place where people want to visit, further boosting local, regional, and state economy.

Las Olas Boulevard is the centerpiece of the City's tourism industry, business district, and cultural identity. The Las Olas Boulevard Project supports the City's efforts to promote a space where people live, work, and play. This is accomplished through responsible urban planning to incorporate complete streets concepts, reduce multimodal conflict, and promote mixed-use development, all efforts which were desired by those affected impacted by this project. This project creates a complete street, improves safety, and balances the needs for all users while promoting economic vitality.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

Downtown Fort Lauderdale has a \$30 billion annual economic impact on this region, equal to hosting a Super Bowl every weekend. Downtown is a hub for technology, banking, real estate development, and services that fuel the economic impact of the Greater Fort Lauderdale area and it is a home to many businesses and organizations which employ 65,000+ people.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

Funds will be spent for construction activities for the Shops segment including but not limited to streetscape, landscape, and lighting aspects of the project.

FORT LAUDERDALE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX | \$5,000,000

Sponsor: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-25)

Purpose of project

This project will design and construct the Fort Lauderdale Public Safety Training and Professional Development Complex which will house a state-of-the-art facility to train local and regional first responder personnel in all aspects of public safety and professional development. Effective and comprehensive training for police and fire personnel is critical to ensure the safety of the public. The tri-county area is lacking a comprehensive facility that can provide a 'one stop shop' for both new recruits and experienced personnel that prepares them to be a first responder of the 21st century.

Project Benefit

Development of this public safety complex provides the citizens with a well-trained cadre of first responders able to protect and serve at the highest level of professionalism and ability, and able to navigate a multitude of scenarios. Training yields a more efficient response for service. The project also will yield cost and time savings negated by having a readily available facility for academy, firearms, driving, tactical training, and all the other classroom or hands on/practical exercises.

The safety of those who reside, visit and work in Fort Lauderdale is the paramount concern of the City's Police and Fire Departments. A city that is considered safe by the public is also a strong economic driver, driving the tourist and industry to the area. Investing in well trained and well equipped first responders is a critical priority of every government. Training yields a more efficient response for service. The project also will yield cost and time savings negated by having a readily available facility for academy, firearms, driving, tactical training, and all the other classroom or hands on/practical exercises. The facility will also have a public use component for education, community events, daycare, and other activities to promote public safety in Fort Lauderdale.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 25th District?

The region is severely lacking in a comprehensive facility that can deliver a central location for first responder training. Other small police agencies have training complexes yet, the City of Fort Lauderdale does not have one despite having a law enforcement staff of over 700 employees and serving a population that stands at approximately 188,000, which regularly swells by the tens of thousands during the numerous events hosted by the city each year. The city also falls within the UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) Miami region, as a high-risk urban area determined through an analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by populous metropolitan statistical areas. This determination by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) adds to the critical need to develop a robust well-trained staff of first responders, able to react to a wide range of threats, whether natural or manmade.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

The funding will be used for design, permitting, and pre-construction activities.

District 20 The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus McCormick

FORT LAUDERDALE – LAUDERDALE MANORS PARK MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS | \$720,000

Purpose of project

The purpose is to implement multimodal connections to several parks in District 20 that will leverage City Parks Bond projects and improve safety for residents to access those parks, including connecting parks and ADA accommodations.

Project benefit

The public will benefit from being able to safely connect to the new and newly enhanced parks projects through improved multimodal infrastructure such as sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA accommodations, and traffic calming. The project will include adding sidewalks into Mills Pond Park from NW 9th Avenue where there are currently no accommodations and complete the missing sidewalk network and missing ADA connections between Lauderdale Manors Park and the new Chateau Park at NW 9th Avenue and Chateau Park Drive.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida’s 20th District? This project should be a priority in Florida’s 20th Congressional District because it is a great opportunity to leverage local funds that are making investments into city parks properties by adding the public infrastructure needed to support those investments. These improvements will provide a safe way for residents to walk to neighborhood park and community facilities along a main neighborhood street that currently has intermittent sidewalks.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

- Construction costs: \$600,000
- Design (14%): \$84,000
- CEI (3%): \$18,000
- Project management (3%): \$18,000

Expected timelines – it will take 24 months to design and construct the proposed improvements at the three park locations identified within the District needing improvements.

FORT LAUDERDALE LAUDERTRAIL PROJECT | \$6,510,000

Purpose of project

Comprehensive multi-use trail system that safely connects everyone in the City of Fort Lauderdale to parks, transit, local businesses, and attractions. This request is to construct segments 2d, 2e and 2f, connecting the Downtown Mobility Hub to Carter Park via Walker Elementary School.

Project benefit

Families enjoying the outdoors, pedestrians and bicyclists want to feel safe and enjoy their social experience. Laudertrail proposes quality multi-use infrastructure that is low-stress and separated from motorized means of transportation. Based on surveys, 60% of cyclists in Fort Lauderdale are “Interested but Concerned” and providing safer facility has a highest potential for increasing the number of people riding bicycles.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida’s 20th District? The project improves safety, promotes alternative means of transportation, has health benefits, and reduces the number of motorized vehicles and associated pollution.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

The funds will be used for construction activities.

FORT LAUDERDALE SOUTH MIDDLE RIVER MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT | \$2,400,000

Purpose of project

The purpose is to implement multimodal connections and traffic calming to address gaps in the sidewalk network as well as address serious vehicle safety issues across the neighborhood through traffic calming improvements. The scope focuses on the major corridors through the neighborhood including NW 7th Avenue, NW 16th Street, NW 17th Street, NW 6th Avenue and NW 19th Street. Specifically, in the following areas:

- NW 7th Avenue (Sunrise Blvd to NW 19th St) – add sidewalks to one side of the street
- NW 16th Street - add sidewalks between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road both sides
- NW 6th Avenue & NW 17th Street – raised intersection to provide traffic calming
- NW 17th Street & NW 5th Avenue - raised intersection to provide traffic calming
- NW 17th Street – complete sidewalk on both sides of the street
- NW 6th Avenue (NW 17th St to NW 19th St) – add sidewalks on east side of the street
- NW 19th Street – complete sidewalks on north side of the street

Project benefit

The public will benefit from being able to safely utilize the streets within the South Middle River neighborhood. Currently this neighborhood has a lack of sidewalk infrastructure and serious issues related to vehicular speeding through the residential streets. The project will benefit both the residents of the neighborhood and those traveling through by reducing crashes and providing accommodation for pedestrians where there is currently very limited availability. Children attending Thurgood Marshall Elementary School and Fort Lauderdale High School will benefit from the improvements by now having a safe way to walk to school.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 20th District? This project should be a priority because it is a great opportunity to infuse much needed transportation improvements into an undeserved neighborhood to improve a serious safety issue. NW 7th Avenue has experienced a significant number of crashes with the worst being at NW 11th Street where there were 43 crashes just in 2022 at the intersection, some of them so serious that a vehicle ended up on top of a home.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

- Construction costs: \$2,000,000
- Design (14%): \$280,000
- CEI (3%): \$60,000
- Project management (3%): \$60,000

The project is expected to take 12 months to design and 24 months to construct the proposed improvements across the neighborhood.

FORT LAUDERDALE WESTWOOD HEIGHTS PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT | \$125,000

Purpose of project

The purpose of the project is to improve safety for multimodal users by connecting the existing sidewalk network through the filling of missing sidewalk gaps and ADA connections between the blocks where existing sidewalks exist.

Project benefit

This project will benefit the public because it will leverage city funding to make a significant improvement for students of Westwood Elementary and residents of the Melrose Manors Neighborhood. There is a 68% homeownership rate; however, 20% of the residents are living in poverty. Over the past 5 years, there have been 16 crashes involving bicycles and pedestrians with 11 of them causing injury according to Signal Four Analytics.

Overall, there have been 323 crashes with 66 of them causing injury showing there are safety issues within the neighborhood and the importance of having a safe space for pedestrians to walk separated from vehicles. The neighborhood has an amazing base of sidewalks existing, but just need those small gaps filled to create the connections between the existing network, making this a small amount of money to make a big difference.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 20th District?

This request should be considered a priority because it will greatly improve mobility and safety for residents and especially for students of Westwood Elementary School. This request will have a significant impact on the quality of life for residents and the safety of pedestrians.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

The funds will be used for construction activities. Depending on funds, the project will take 8 months to construct the proposed improvements.

District 23 The Honorable Jared Moskowitz

FORT LAUDERDALE BREAKERS AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT | \$13,600,000

Purpose of project

The project will create an iconic corridor that not only provides mobility but is also a safe, accessible, attractive, climate-resilient public space serving neighbors and visitors in Fort Lauderdale. Proposed improvements include streetscape elements such as pedestrian lighting, trees, landscape, shared used street design, and underground water and sewer utility upgrades. Upgrades would be done on Breakers Avenue between Riomar Street and Vistamar Street in Fort Lauderdale.

Project benefit

Infrastructure upgrades to promote and encourage community accessibility is a priority of the Administration and local government. Utilizing taxpayer dollars to fund a sound all-inclusive transportation project such as Breakers benefits the city and the region.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

The Breakers Avenue Streetscape project will create an iconic corridor that not only provides mobility but is also a safe, accessible, attractive, climate-resilient public space serving neighbors and visitors in Fort Lauderdale. Proposed improvements include streetscape elements such as pedestrian lighting, trees, landscape, shared used street design, and underground water and sewer utility upgrades.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

Funds will be used for construction activities.

CRITICAL HOMELESS SUPPORT SERVICES HOTSPOTS PROJECT | \$2,000,000

Purpose of project

The goal of this ongoing project is to address hotspots in the City where homeless individuals are congregating and/or encamping by deploying an array of community services to create a housing strategy. One of the city's priorities is to build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods. By helping address hotspots within the City, we are actively working with our neighbors, businesses and community resources to reduce homelessness by promoting self-sufficiency through advocacy, housing and comprehensive services.

Project benefit

The project would create safer and cleaner neighborhoods. The use of various City departments, neighbor input, businesses, and others in the community make it more desirable to reach these goals. This project will help in reducing the number of individuals who are homeless. The benefits and expected outcomes are to reduce homelessness in the City of Fort Lauderdale by targeting those who congregate in specific hotspots throughout the city by offering them critical services to lead them into housing.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

The unsheltered population in Broward County continues to increase, preliminary numbers from the 2023 Point in Time Count for Broward County identified about 2,487 homeless individuals – 48% are within the City of Fort Lauderdale. In sum, the city has the greatest number of unsheltered individuals in all of Broward County. By helping address hotspots within the City, we are actively working with our neighbors, businesses and community resources to reduce homelessness by promoting self-sufficiency through advocacy, housing and comprehensive services.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

Funding will be spent on administrative costs for the Housing Navigation Team, Fort Lauderdale Police Department Homeless Outreach Team, Fort Lauderdale Fire Department Mobile Integrated Health Unit, Fort Lauderdale Parks Clean-Up Crew, Non-Congregate Shelter Facility, and Technical Assistance.

FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE STATION 13 PROJECT | \$6,100,000

Purpose of project

To construct a new resilient fire station at 2871 E. Sunrise Blvd, Oakland Park, FL 33304. This new project will make the new Fire Station 13 resilient to a Category 5 hurricane, enabling the station to maintain operability during critical events to assist residents. The existing building does not meet current State or City building code standards. The new building will meet the needs of the Fire Rescue Department pursuant to the 2005 Fire Rescue Bond referendum approved in November 2004.

Project benefit

The public will benefit because this new station will provide our residents with more efficient, streamlined, and quicker service during emergencies. General complaints have been focused on the length of time it takes to respond to an emergency. This new station will be able to respond more quickly to the target population.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

It is evident from the April 2023 flooding that our community is vulnerable to extreme weather events and more capacity for a quicker and more efficient response time is needed to not only respond to and recover from an emergency event, but also service as training our community on how to prepare and react during an emergency.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

Design, permitting, and construction activities. The estimated time of completion is 2-5 years and future federal funding will be requested.

FORT LAUDERDALE NE 15TH AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT | \$4,235,000

Purpose of project

The project will implement improvements along NE 15th Avenue from Sunrise Boulevard to the South Fork of the Middle River to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists as well as calm vehicular traffic that implements the community's vision.

Project benefit

The project will benefit the public by formalizing the pilot tactical urbanism project that has shown real improvements as well as provide improvements along the northern section to upgrade safety measures to make it consistent with current best practices and add traffic calming to improve safety of multimodal users.

This project can be used as a case study of a successful project to remove a barrier caused by a 5-lane street through a low-density residential neighborhood by transforming it into a community multimodal corridor that connects people across a neighborhood, connects neighborhoods, and connects people across municipal boundaries to continue a project completed by the city to the north. It started with a vision of the community, which was memorialized through a Neighborhood Mobility Master Plan where it was prioritized, and tested for effectiveness through a tactical urbanism project as proof of concept which has been successful in change the desired change as well as areas to adjust during design.

A tactical urbanism project was installed on the southern half of the proposed project that has included data collection showing a reduction in the percentage of vehicles traveling over the average speed from 60% of vehicles to only 1%. Additionally, pedestrian and bicycle data had been collected showing how the addition of the infrastructure has now provided space for bicyclists off the narrow sidewalks that once were shared with pedestrians and has created safe crosswalks for pedestrians to cross the street in a manner that is also safer for drivers so that they can anticipate at crosswalk locations instead of not knowing where pedestrians would cross.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

This should be a priority because it implements the Federal priorities of reconnecting communities that have been separated by decades old poor transportation design created just to move vehicles. It also supports building multimodal infrastructure in a way that connects people to places across municipal boundaries and reduces crashes.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

- Design (15%): \$525,000
- Construction costs: \$3,500,000
- CEI (3%): \$105,000
- Project management (3%): \$105,000

The project will take 12 months to design and 18 months to construct the proposed improvements. Additional funding will be required for the completion of other project segments.

FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS CONNECTIONS MOBILITY PROJECT | \$810,000

Purpose of project

The project will develop mobility connections and traffic calming measures to leverage the work being done through the City's Parks Bond on various parks specifically within District 23, increasing mobility and livability. Areas of development include the following:

- Hardy Park – sidewalk along SW 9th Street along park property.
- Holiday Park – sidewalk along NE 14th Avenue, NE 7th St to NE 10th Avenue, NE 7th St, ADA upgrades on above.
- Riverside Park – Sidewalk on SW 12th Ave from Riverside Park to new park, Crosswalks on SW 12th Ave and SW 5th St, sidewalk connection on SW corner of Riverside Park.
- Annie Beck Park – Raised intersection and crosswalk at NE 1st St and Victoria Park Rd
- Dottie Mancini Park – Raised crosswalk on NE 22nd Avenue at pedestrian entrance to the park.
- Greenfield Park – raised intersection at NE 8th St and NE 24th Way at east side of Park and raised table hump at west side of park.

Project benefit

The public will benefit from being able to safely connect to the newly enhanced and new park spaces across the district where there are currently gaps in the multimodal network and safety concerns. The project will add missing sidewalk gaps, new crosswalks, and traffic calming adjacent to the park locations being enhanced through Parks Bond funding.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

This project should be a priority because it is a great opportunity to leverage local funds that are dedicated to parks improvements with transportation infrastructure improvements to complete needed multimodal connections and calm vehicle traffic for safer access to the parks.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

- Construction costs - \$675,000
- Design & Permitting (14%) - \$94,500
- CEI (3%) – \$20,250
- Project management (3%) - 20,250

The project will take 24 months to design and construct the proposed improvements at the six park locations identified within the district needing improvements.

**FORT LAUDERDALE VICTORIA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT |
\$12,800,000**

Purpose of project

The primary goal of this new project is to install a stormwater system within the Victoria Park neighborhood, Fort Lauderdale. Currently, when it rains, and during periods of high tides, the neighborhood is prone to flooding due to lacking comprehensive stormwater infrastructure. As part of the proposed improvements, a new pump station and approximately 13,000 linear feet (LF) of stormwater pipe and inlets will be installed throughout Victoria Park, which will help drain this neighborhood after rainfalls and greatly improve the quality of life of its residents.

Project benefit

The project will benefit the public as it will reduce flooding within the roadways, driveways, and swales. Currently, after regular and significant rainfall events, the roadways become flooded by up to 1' of water that takes days to recede. This ponding water affects both vehicular traffic and pedestrians, destroys landscape and hardscape and promotes the breeding of mosquitos and waterborne diseases. The proposed stormwater system will greatly reduce the frequency and duration of flooding in Victoria Park and enhance the quality of life of its residents, businesses, and visitors.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 23rd District?

Proposed improvements are intended to reduce flood stage and time of inundation above road crowns for a 10 year-24-hour design storm event, and to protect against structural flooding in a 100 year-72-hour storm event.

Breakdown here of how this funding would be used

Funds will be used for construction activities. Construction will take approximately 2 years to complete, and it is scheduled to start May 2025 and finish May 2027.

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LEAD AND COPPER RULE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM | \$5,000,000

NO DISTRICT IDENTIFIED

Purpose of project

The purpose of this new city project is to replace all lead, copper, galvanized, and all unknown lines after the inventory is submitted to FDEP on October 2024. The city will have 10 years to complete the replacement, which includes a sampling and monitoring plan, as well as a public outreach plan to customers. The LCRR is a new program that is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) aimed at protecting public health and school age children in schools.

The final Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) were published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2021, with the overall goal of improving public health protection via a proactive and holistic approach by requiring earlier action and improved transparency and communication by utilities to reduce risks caused by lead in drinking water. The development of a Compliance Program ensures all requirements are met in accordance with the LCRR. The LCRR will include a service line inventory, service line replacement plan, water quality, sampling plan, and a public outreach for information on service line materials.

Project Benefit

The LCRR will benefit the public by providing information on the material of their service lines, maximize the value of service line investigations, minimize impact of regulatory changes, and provide consistent high-quality customer engagement. This task will be completed by conducting public outreach, acquiring contractors to help with replacing service lines and enhance the water quality the customers are receiving. The use of taxpayers' dollars will help provide a funding option for customers with a lead service line that needs to be replaced. The federal government banned use of lead pipes in 1986 because of the harm it could cause children as it is a toxic metal. Prolonged lead exposure can harm children's brains, lower IQs, and affect learning and behavior.

Additional benefits include ensuring the removal of all lead service line from the distribution system, ensures accurate public information for customers, ensures no health hazards to children, and ensures the distribution system is operating within state regulated guidelines to provide services to 182,000 customers.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

The total project cost is \$22 million. \$18 million will cover capital expenditures. As a multi-year project, each phase will consist of a yearly quota of service lines needing replacement. There is an estimated \$2 million maintenance cost each year.

FORT LAUDERDALE RIVERLAND ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT | \$1,100,000

Purpose of project

This project will construct two (2) raised intersections along Riverland Road at Riverlane Terrace and SW 21st Street. This is a community driven project developed through many public engagement activities and is to calm cut through vehicle traffic that is traveling at high speeds between two congested State Roads through this single-family residential neighborhood with a school on the corridor.

Project benefit

The public would benefit from the improvement to safety by the expedited installation of the two (2) raised intersections to help slow vehicular cut through traffic. Additionally, school aged children and their families will benefit as there are two schools located in the vicinity of the project, including New River Middle School at Riverland Road and SW 31st Avenue.

The impact on users of Riverland Road and how improvements to safety can be seen in the data provided by Signal Four Analytics – for the years between 2018-2023, Riverland Road between US441/SR7 and Davie Boulevard experienced 221 crashes, with 34% of them involving injuries, 73% of the crashes were during the day, and the highest clusters were seen during the evening commute times between 4pm-8pm showing the impact of the time when 33% of the vehicles were shown to be just cutting through according to Streetlight Origin/Destination Data.

The TIGER project that was completed in 2022 added improved sidewalks and new bike lanes to improve the multimodal capacity of the Riverland Road to connect to the regional network; however, users have expressed that they do not feel safe using the new bike lanes because of the speed of the vehicles. This project will improve viability of the bike lanes through improving safety.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida's 25th District?

This project should be a priority because it leverages previous Federal TIGER funding to improve the corridor for all users to be able to move safely through the corridor including pedestrians and bicyclists on the newly improved accommodations as well as drives to move safer which will reduce crashes. These elements improve quality of life for not only residents, but the students accessing several different schools in the area, people recreating along the corridor and visiting the 3 parks and visitors traveling through the corridor. It should also be a priority because of the strong level of support for the project and how this addresses the primary safety concern for residents living on and in proximity to Riverland Road.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

The funding will be used for construction activities and is estimated to take approximately 8 months to one year for completion, depending on the funds provided.

FORT LAUDERDALE SE ISLES STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT | \$17,500,000

Purpose of project

The primary goal of this new project is to install a stormwater system within the SE Isles neighborhood, Fort Lauderdale. Currently, when it rains and during periods of high tides, the neighborhood is prone to flooding because comprehensive stormwater infrastructure is lacking. The proposed stormwater system will include two new pumpstations, 11,400 linear feet (LF) of pipe and inlets, seawall replacements and one way check valves for all outfalls susceptible to tidal flooding. This new infrastructure will reduce the frequency and duration of flooding in the neighborhood and greatly improve the lives of its residents and visitors.

The area includes many coastal neighborhoods, situated on narrow islands, which typically contain one street. The islands are connected by small strips of land or bridges to facilitate pedestrian and automobile traffic. Private homes line the streets and are fronted by canals that provide dock access. The total area of the neighborhood is approximately 1,240 acres (1.94 square miles), which includes both the land and the vast amount of water within the neighborhood.

Project benefit

Historical flooding records were evaluated to obtain a comprehensive view of the areas prone to flooding within the Southeast Isles neighborhood. The project will benefit the public as it will reduce flooding within the roadways, driveways, and swales. Currently, after significant rainfall events and high tide periods – tending to occur 10 to 20 times per year – the roadways become flooded with up to 1’ of salt and fresh water. This ponding water affects both vehicular traffic and pedestrians, destroys landscape and hardscape and promotes the breeding of mosquitos and waterborne diseases. The proposed stormwater system will greatly reduce the frequency and duration of flooding in Southeast Isles, which would enhance the quality of life of its residents, businesses, and visitors.

Why should this request be considered a priority for the people of Florida or Florida’s 25th District?

This project will provide the city’s residents with a safer community to live in and protect major infrastructure from damage due to flooding.

Breakdown of how this funding would be used

Funding will be used for design, permitting, administrative and construction costs. Construction will take approximately 2.5 years to complete, and it is scheduled to start June 2025 and finish December 2027. It will most likely require additional funding in future fiscal years.

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