

# The Florida House of Representatives

## Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2026-27

### For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

*Only Members of the Florida House of Representatives can officially submit an Appropriations Project Request*  
**Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered. The information provided in the request will be posted on the House website and available for public review if an Appropriations Project Request is published by a Representative.**

1. **Title of Project:**
2. **Date of Submission:**
3. **House Member Sponsor:**
4. **Details of Amount Requested:**
  - a. Has funding been provided in a previous State budget for this activity?  Yes  No
  - b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
  - c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?  Yes  No
  - d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2025-26 <i>(If appropriated in FY 2025-26 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Nonrecurring Funds Request for FY 2026-27		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	<b>Operations</b>	<b>Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO)</b>	<b>TOTAL Operations + Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO)</b>
Input Amounts			0		560,000	560,000

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e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2026-27 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	% of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?	
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	560,000	100.0 %		
2. Federal	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Col F)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
4. Local	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
5. Other	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/> %	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<b>TOTAL</b>	560,000	100.0 %		

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?  Yes  No

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2026-27 over the next 5 years?

b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

6. Is this project related to relief or recovery from a natural disaster?  Yes  No

a. If yes, provide the name or a description of the natural disaster and briefly describe how the funding will be used for relief or recovery.

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7. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested?

Department of Commerce

- a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted?  Yes  No
- b. Describe suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures.

White Springs will make every effort to complete this project in a timely manner, if only to avoid another threat of unincorporation!

8. Requester:

- a. First Name:  Last Name:
- b. Organization:
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

- a. First Name:  Last Name:
- b. Organization:
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

10. If there is a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project, fill out the information below. If not, click None

- a. First Name:  Last Name:
- b. Firm:
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

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11. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name:

b. County (County where funds are to be expended)

c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding)

12. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

If other, please describe:

13. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

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14. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Total should equal 4d, Col. F) Enter '0' if request is zero for the category
<b>Administrative Costs</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/ Contracted Services/ Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salaries and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expenses/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/ Contracted Services/ Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation</b>		
Construction/Renovation/ Land/Planning Engineering		500,600
<b>Total Requested</b>		500,600

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15. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 14, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

Local Government

If other, please describe:

part of the path will be on Big Shoals Public Lands, the rest on land owned by White Springs

16. Is the project request an information technology project?

Yes  No

**Water projects skip to #17**

a. Will this information technology project be managed within a state agency to support state agency program goals?  Yes  No

b. What is the total cost (all years) to design and build the project?

c. What are the ongoing (annual recurring) maintenance and operation costs once the project is completed?

d. Has the state agency indicated it has sufficient funds for the ongoing annual recurring costs within its current operating budget?  Yes  No

e. What are the specific business objectives or needs the IT project is intended to address?

400 maximum characters allowed

f. Based upon the identified business objectives or needs, what are the success factors that must be realized in order for the state agency to consider the proposed IT project a success?

100 maximum characters allowed

17. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing or other expressions of support?  Yes  No

Please describe:

The YouTube video describing the project, [https://youtu.be/X9gRYwWB\\_Ao](https://youtu.be/X9gRYwWB_Ao), has been well received.

18. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?  Yes  No

Please describe:

The 2005 Big Shoals StatePark Plan called for extending the newly built Woodpecker Trail to White Springs and Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. The 2024 plan kept this goal. Links to both documents are at <https://www.historicwhitesprings.com/Woodpecker>

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19. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?  Yes  No

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a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

This project will extend the existing 3.6 mile Woodpecker Trail by about another mile and a half, and bring it to US 41 in White Spring, making it more accessible.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

By providing a 10 mile round trip paved trail through wooded terrain, citizens can enjoy the beauty of North Florida away from the highway.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., “the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups”). Select all that apply to the target population:

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elderly persons                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug users (in health services)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with poor mental health              | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool students   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persons with poor physical health | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade school students  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobless persons                              | <input type="checkbox"/> High school students   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economically disadvantaged persons           | <input type="checkbox"/> University/College students                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At-risk youth                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or formerly incarcerated persons                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally disabled                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Victims of crime   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physically disabled                          | <input type="checkbox"/> General (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe:                      |   |

Required if 18c - Other is checked (100 maximum characters allowed)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

401-800



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20. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies):

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
Improve physical health	Walking, jogging or cycling a paved trail through the woods will improve a person's cardiovascular health.	A counter can be placed at the start of the trail to determine how many people use the trail. Less accurate but simpler, a register book can be placed at the start, and ask people to sign in.
Improve mental health	Walking, jogging or cycling a paved trail through the woods, listening to the birds and not listening to traffic, will improve a persons mental health	A counter can be placed at the start of the trail to determine how many people use the trail. Less accurate but simpler, a register book can be placed at the start, and ask people to sign in.
Enrich cultural experience		
Improve agricultural production/ promotion/education		
Improve quality of education		
Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Using a path through the woods is far safer than walking along the shoulder of a highway.	We can examine the number of calls to Hamilton County 911 are made from the trail.

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Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
Improve transportation conditions		
Increase or improve economic activity	Connecting the two State Parks on both sides of White Springs will increase foot and bicycle traffic through White Springs, encouraging more small businesses to cater to this traffic.	Change in revenue for the businesses along Spring Street, and ideally the number of new businesses that decide to cater to the additional traffic.
Increase tourism	Connecting the two State Parks on both sides of White Springs will increase foot and bicycle traffic through White Springs, encouraging more small businesses to cater to this traffic.	Change in revenue for the businesses along Spring Street, and ideally the number of new businesses that decide to cater to the additional traffic.
Create specific immediate job opportunities	preparing the base of the path, laying the asphalt, installing the bridge will require short term jobs	If the trail is built, people will be needed to build it.
Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
Reduce recidivism		
Reduce substance abuse		

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Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
Divert from Criminal/ Juvenile Justice System		
Improve wastewater management		
Improve stormwater management		
Improve groundwater quality		
Improve drinking water quality		
Improve surface water quality		
Other (Please describe)  		

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**The questions below are additional questions for water projects only**

21. Have you applied for alternative state funding? Select all that apply:

- a.  Wastewater Revolving Loan
- b.  Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- c.  Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- d.  Resilient Florida Grant
- e.  Water Quality Improvement Grant
- f.  Other (Please describe)
- g.  N/A

22. What is the population economic status?

- a.  Financially Disadvantaged Municipality
- b.  Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
- c.  Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress
- d.  N/A

23. What is the status of construction?

- a.  Ready
- b.  Not Ready

24. What percentage of construction has been completed?

25. What is the estimated completion date of construction?