

# Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Orchard Pond Parkway/Road
2. Date of Submission: 01/12/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Halsey Beshears

## 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No  
*If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d*
- 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? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget  (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	400,000	400,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:

## 5. Requester:

- a. Name: Jeffrey Phipps
- b. Organization: Orchard Pond Parkway, Inc.

- c. Email: [jfipps@gmail.com](mailto:jfipps@gmail.com)
- d. Phone #: [\(850\)528-6502](tel:(850)528-6502)

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Either Leon County or the City-County Intergovernment Agency
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Leon
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Leon

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Currently, Orchard Pond Road is a 5.2-mile unpaved dirt road in northern Leon County. It is a beautiful scenic canopy road that connects Meridian Road on the east with Old Bainbridge Road on the west.

Transportation planners in Leon County and the region have long recognized that this road ? a potentially major regional connector ? needs to be paved and significantly upgraded. In fact, the road improvement concept is part of the long-range plan of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency. But paving it and bringing it up to current safety standards would not only require the destruction of the protected canopy, it would also require extensive re-engineering and re-aligning of the existing road. Doing so would cost upwards of \$22 million.

The private landowner, Mr. Jeffrey Phipps has entered into a unique P-P-P with the FDOT and Leon County (and partially funded through a loan from FDOT's State Infrastructure Bank (SIB)) and is building a completely new road that will address this very important regional transportation need.

This creation of this badly needed new road, which is currently under construction, means the old dirt road will be vacated and eventually closed. This request would be to pay for a small portion of the cost of paving the old roadbed (cost estimate of \$1.2 million) and turn it into a linear park and trail for public recreational use.

The recreational trail would serve a very broad target population in the north Florida region and would be the ONLY paved off-road facility in northern Leon County or adjacent counties.

The new road is currently under construction and is to be opened in May of 2016. The existing roadbed will be closed within days of the new road opening. It is important that paving begins shortly after closure as the dirt road is relatively unstable and needs near-constant grooming. The asphalt base will stabilize the old roadbed and prevent further erosion, which is currently a problem as the clay and silt currently drain into a protected water body.

The private landowner will turn over ? as a donation ? to the county the following:

- ? All rights to the old road.
- ? A 15-20 wide strip of land extending 1.2 miles on the eastern end of the project.
- ? A scenic easement running the entire length of the project that extends 40 feet both north and south of the centerline of the existing road.
- ? Land on the western portion for a public parking pad (approximately 1 acre.)
- ? Land approximately 1-mile west of meridian road (exact location yet to be determined) for a second parking pad (also approximately 1 acre.)

Enough land to construct an unpaved foot trail leading from the western parking pad to the Ochlocknee River.

The entire project cost is estimated to be around \$1.2 million. However, this cost does not include the substantial donation of land, rights, easements and cost of constructing the parking areas ? costs that are being borne by the current landowner.

State funds will be used only to assist in the cost of paving the new bike path but only as a matching fund. All other costs will be borne by the County (or the joint City-County Intergovernmental Agency (IA) known as the Blueprint 2000 and Beyond Intergovernmental Agency) and the private landowner.

Leon County and the region are becoming known as a recreational destination with extensive on and off-road bicycling and hiking opportunities. This recreational asset ? a 5.2-mile off-rad paved trail ? will ultimately be part of an extended off-road cycling/hiking trail in the northern part of the County that will attract visitors and cycling enthusiasts from throughout the south east. This regional goal is consistent with the state?s goal of providing a wide array of recreational activities for tourists especially in the growing segment of tourists interested in outdoor activities.

The immediate return on the investment is at least a 4:1 or 5:1 ratio. The local government must double the state?s investment to complete the project and the private landowner will, through the above-noted donations, more than match that in land, secession of rights, and donated easements as well as parking areas. The total ratio (when considering local IA funding as well as the private landowner?s significant outlay would put the immediate ratio well over 8:1.)

Longer term is unknown at this time however, the IA mentioned above is considering an adjacent facility (similar in makeup, design and construction) extending from the eastern terminus of this project all the way to Thomasville Road, thereby creating an off-road linear trail totaling 11 miles in length. This would significantly add to the projected return on investment.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 1,200,000

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No