

Urban & Community Forestry (BIL)

A grant program funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is now open. This new funding source will be utilized for invasive species control and reforestation, along with improving stormwater retention through urban forestry, and tree preservation during construction. This funding will have the match requirements waived, with grant funding available for the total project cost.

Application Deadline:	Nov. 17, 2023
Contribution Match:	0%
Grant Amount:	\$75,000 max request
Total Funding Available:	\$750,000

Eligible Grant Activities:

- Remove invasive trees and replace them with native trees in areas where they will provide direct benefit to Floridians through energy reduction, mitigating urban heat, water or air quality improvement, stormwater runoff avoidance, or increasing greenspace accessibility. Projects in this category must follow the tree-planting requirements listed later in this section.
- Plant trees in disadvantaged communities, as identified by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool.
- Plant trees in riparian or coastal waterway areas to decrease erosion, improve stormwater runoff capture, and enhance the water quality of Florida's waterways.
- Provide a service that enhances tree preservation during construction by offering tree preservation advice to developers and homebuilders at no cost to the builder.
- Conduct an analysis of areas within municipality boundaries to identify the most valuable locations for tree planting initiatives to capture the most stormwater runoff.

2024 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

The purpose of Florida's UCF Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to local governments, Native American tribal governments, volunteer groups, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions to initiate or enhance local urban and community forestry programs and improve the urban environment within the state of Florida.

Application Deadline: December 2023 (TBD)

Grant Maximum: **\$50,000** (TBD)

Matching Funding: 1 to 1

Award Categories:

1. Public Tree Canopy Improvement (Tree Planting)
2. Public Tree Inventory or Urban Tree Canopy Assessment
3. Urban Forest Management Planning
4. Urban Forestry Information and Education

Grant Funding will be provided for:

- Plant trees in areas where they would provide tangible benefits to Floridians through energy reduction, water or air quality improvement, storm water runoff avoidance, or increased greenspace accessibility.
- Conduct a tree inventory of public areas and assess the condition of individual trees.
- Conduct an urban tree canopy assessment to gather information about how much tree canopy is in the area and how it is distributed across the landscape.
- Develop an urban forest management plan.
- Implement informational and educational programs to improve the understanding of residents and local officials of the benefits of maintaining a healthy tree canopy.
- Develop a workforce development program to educate students and residents about career opportunities in the green industry and provide them with hands on experience to give them the necessary skills.

Florida Communities Trust – FCT Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Program

The Florida Communities Trust is a state program that provides grants for the acquisition of land for community-based parks, open-spaces, stormwater parks, and greenways and trails that further the outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans. ~

The program allows for grants to be awarded for properties acquired during the last 24 months from the application deadline.

Application Deadline: January 10, 2024

Maximum Grant Amount: \$5 million (Can submit multiple applications up to amount)

Eligible Projects:

1. Properties to be purchased in the next 2 years
2. Purchases of properties that have been acquired within the last 2 years. Acquired after January 10, 2022.

Matching Requirements:

Communities with less than 10,000 – No required match. (Projects with matching funds are awarded additional points.)

Communities with more than 10,000 - A 25% match is required. (Projects with higher matches are awarded additional points.)

2024 Land and Water Conservation Fund

The U.S. Department of the Interior provides funds, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), for the acquisition or development of recreational facilities.

GRANT CATEGORIES:

Acquisition: This program funds the acquisition of land for open space, park sites conservation areas and trails.

Development: Eligible facilities include but are not limited to waterfront access, picnic areas, trails, pools, ballfields, soccer fields, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, outdoor theatres and boating and fishing features. Associated support facilities such as lighting, parking, restrooms, concessions, and landscaping are eligible, but may not account for more than 50% of the project cost.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2024

Total Funding Available: Approx. \$11,000,000 **Maximum**

Grant Amount: \$1,500,000

Match Requirement: 100%

2024 Transportation Alternative Grant Program (PBC)

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for the planning, design or construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Application Deadline:	February 16, 2024
Grant Amount:	\$1,500,000 max amount
Matching Funds:	No match required (applicant responsible for pre-construction costs)
Management Agency:	Florida Department of Transportation, Local MPO's

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds

- Sidewalks
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Greenways
- Traffic Calming
- Lighting
- Safe Routes to schools (non-automotive)
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas

2024 Local Initiative Program

The latest Long Range Transportation Plan Directions 2040, carved out future allocations of MPO Surface Transportation funds to be used at the MPOs discretion. Thus the Local Initiatives program was created as an annual application process to identify and fund best lower-cost, non-regionally significant transportation project that our communities was and our economies need. \$20M is anticipated to be allocated annually to fund projects under the Local Initiatives (LI) Program.

Application Deadline:	February 16, 2024
Grant Amount:	\$5,000,000
Matching Funds:	No match required (applicant responsible for pre-construction costs)
Management Agency:	Florida Department of Transportation, Palm Beach County MPO

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds

COMPLETE STREETS TYPE PROJECTS:

Lane Narrowing -Transit Infrastructure -Turn Lanes- Lane Elimination Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) - Traffic Signals - Bicycle Facilities - Median Modifications - Striping and Marking - Pedestrian Facilities Signing and lighting

Non-motorized infrastructure - Separated, buffered or designated bike lanes, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and pedestrian lighting.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The U.S. Department of Transportation, through Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, funds projects that construct, renovate or maintain trails, trailhead and trailside facilities.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

Projects can include construction and/or renovation related to trails for:

- bicycling
- day hiking
- equestrian activities
- jogging, running or similar fitness activities
- trail biking
- overnight and long distance backpacking
- roller skating, in-line skating
- aquatic or water activity (Canoe/Kayak Facilities)
- vehicular travel by motorcycle, four-wheel drive, all terrain off-road vehicles or dune buggies

Maximum Grant Amount:

\$500,000 for mixed-use and non-motorized trail projects

\$2,500,000 for motorized projects

Matching Funds:

20%, 40%, or 50% (Higher local match results in additional points.)

2024 Waterways Assistance Program (WAP) Florida Inland Navigation District

The Florida Inland Navigation District provides funds for the development or renovation of capital improvement projects enhancing public access to the AICW. Waterway related projects must be located on natural, navigable waterways within the District. Eligible waterway related projects include navigation channel dredging, channel markers, navigation signs or buoys, boat ramps, docking facilities, waterfront parks, kayak/canoe facilities, fishing & viewing piers, waterfront boardwalks, inlet management, environmental education, law enforcement equipment, boating safety programs, beach re-nourishment, dredge material management, environmental mitigation, and shoreline stabilization.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2024

Grant Amount: \$100,000-400,000

Match: 1 to 1 (in cash or in-kind services) *State or Federal Grants can act as match

***All municipalities located in the 35 coastal counties are eligible to apply for WAP funding.**

2024 Florida Boating Improvement Program

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provides funding through the Florida Boating Improvement Program's competitive grants for boating access projects and other boating-related activities on coastal and/or inland waters of Florida.

Maximum Grant Amount: \$200,000 (varies)

Application Deadline: April 2024 (TBD)

Match: 5% (cash, in-kind)

Eligible uses of program funds include:

- Boat ramps, lifts, hoists and other public launching facilities
- Piers, docks and other mooring facilities
- Recreational channel marking
- Derelict vessel removal
- Aquatic plant control
- Boating education
- Economic development initiatives that promote boating
- Other local boating-related activities that enhance boating access for recreational boaters

2024 AARP Community Challenge

The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology ("smart cities"), civic engagement and more.

Application Deadline:	April, 2024 (Project Complete by December, 2024)
Contribution Match:	0%
Total Funding (Florida)	TBD
Maximum: Grant Amount:	\$5,000-\$50,000

TYPES OF PROJECTS:

- **Increasing civic engagement** with innovative and tangible projects that bring residents and local leaders together to address challenges and facilitate a greater sense of community inclusion and diversity. (Although this category is targeted to local governments, nonprofit organizations can apply for and receive a grant in this category provided they demonstrate that they are working with local governments to solicit and include residents' insights about the project or to help solve a pressing challenge.)
- **Create vibrant public places** that improve open spaces, parks and access to other amenities.
- **Deliver a range of transportation and mobility options** that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, wayfinding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements.
- **Support the availability of a range of housing** that increases accessible and affordable housing options.
- **Demonstrate the tangible value of "Smart Cities"** with programs that engage residents in accessing, understanding and using data, and participating in decision-making to increase the quality of life for all.
- **Other community improvements:** In addition to the five areas of focus, AARP wants to hear about local needs and new, innovative ideas for addressing them.

2024 Public Library Construction Grants

The Florida Department of State, through the Bureau of Library Development, Division of Library and Information Services, provides state funding for the development of public libraries, including the following:

- construction of new buildings
- acquisition of buildings
- expansion or remodeling of existing libraries or buildings to be used as a new library

Application Deadline:	May 2024
Grant Amount:	\$10,000-\$500,000
Matching Funds:	One to one
Minimum Project Size:	3,000 square feet
Management Agency:	Bureau of Library Development, Florida Department of State

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds (All projects must result in a complete library facility.):

- Architectural services
- Acquisition of land
- New construction
- Expansion
- Remodeling
- Site preparation (including the provision of parking spaces)
- Engineering costs and legal fees directly related to library construction
- Initial or fixed equipment including information and building technologies, video and telecommunications equipment, machinery, utilities, and built-ins and enclosures or structure necessary to house them

2024 Special Category Grants Program

The purpose of the Special Category Grants Program is to provide funding to assist major local, regional and state-wide efforts to preserve significant historic structures and archaeological sites, to assist with major archaeological excavations, and assist in the development, fabrication, and installation of major museum exhibits that will promote knowledge and appreciation of the history of Florida.

Eligible Projects:

1. Acquisition of historic properties or archaeological sites;
2. Development activities, including: restoration, rehabilitation, preservation, and reconstruction, and site-specific planning required for these activities;
3. Archaeological excavation projects, including: research, field investigation, testing, analysis and publication of findings; and
4. Museum exhibit projects for Florida history museums, including: research, exhibit design, fabrication and installation.

Grant Amount: \$50,000 to \$500,000

Match Requirement: Either \$50,000 (cash and/or in-kind services or materials) or 50% of the requested grant amount, whichever is greater
REDI communities will have a match requirement of 10% of the requested grant amount.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2024



2024 Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant

The purpose of the Small Matching Grant is to assist in the identification, excavation, protection, and rehabilitation of historic and archaeological sites in Florida; to provide public information about these important resources; and to encourage historic preservation in smaller cities through the Florida Main Street program.

Eligible Projects:

1. Survey and Planning activities; Design and engineering for structures or sites
2. Community Education, Museum projects.

Grant Amount: \$50,000 maximum

Match: 100% - No match required for Main Street, Florida Certified Local Governments

Application Deadline: June 1, 2024

2024 General Program Support Grant

General Program Support (GPS) funding is designed to support the general program activities of an organization that is realizing its stated mission and furthering the state's cultural objectives by:

- Conducting, creating, producing, presenting, staging, or sponsoring cultural exhibits, performances, educational programs, or events or
- Providing professional services as a State Service Organization or Local Arts Agency.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2024

Matching Requirements: 100%

The Division offers three types of General Program Support:

- Discipline-Based program support for cultural and artistic programming
- Local Arts Agency program support for designated Local Arts Agencies
- State Service Organization program support for cultural organizations that meet the definition of State Service Organization.

To request more than \$25,000

- Have at least one completed grant from the Division of Cultural Affairs. A grant is completed (closed) after the cycle is concluded and the final report has been approved.

To request more than \$50,000

- Have at least three years of completed programming; and
- Have at least one paid, full-time staff member in a management position.

Cultural Facilities Grant

The Florida Department of State through the Division of Cultural Affairs provides financial support for the renovation, construction and acquisition of cultural and community facilities.

Eligible projects for this funding opportunity include:

- Outdoor Amphitheater/Bandhills
- Performing Arts Centers
- Theaters
- Cultural Centers
- Education Facilities
- Community Centers

Application Deadline: June 1, 2024

Maximum Grant Amount: \$500,000

Match Requirements:

- 1 to 2 match for organizations that Total Support and Revenue of more than \$500,000 in the unrestricted column of the audit in their last completed fiscal year
- 1 to 1 match for REDI organizations

At least 25% of the matching funds must be cash.

2024 Farmers Market Promotion Program

Funding is available for marketing operations such as farmers markets, community supported agriculture and road-side stands. The grants, which are administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), are available through a competitive application process. The grants aim to increase the availability of local agricultural products in communities throughout the county. They will also help strengthen farmer-to-consumer marketing efforts.

Program Allocation: \$76,900,000 (TBD)

Maximum Grant Amount: \$50,000 - \$500,000

Application Deadline: June 2024 (TBD)

Match: 25% match

Projects can include, but are not limited to:

- Developing tools, techniques, or practices that can be rapidly adopted by local agriculture markets, including those that provide direct financial support to a network of markets or other relevant organizations, to assist in COVID response and recovery efforts.
- Market analysis and strategic planning for a direct producer-to-consumer market opportunity.
- Local farmer, rancher, or market manager startup training and education.
- Farmers market, roadside stand, CSA, agritourism, or online sales activity startup, operation, and/or expansion.
- Recruitment, outreach and retention of new, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, as well as to consumers in support of direct producer-to-consumer markets.
- Development of strategies and/or above practices to support and partner with other organizations affected by the pandemic. This could allow larger, more experienced entities to support smaller organizations that could also benefit from a federal grant.

2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. 1 billion in 2022. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.

Eligible activities

- Develop or update a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
- Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

Application Deadline: June, 2024

Contribution Match: 20%

Maximum Award: Varies by category

Project Types:

1. Development and establishment of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is required to apply for implementation funding. A municipality can apply for funding to complete this plan this cycle and once complete, can then apply for construction funding in future cycles. (\$200,000 minimum to \$1,000,000 maximum)

A comprehensive safety action plan (referred to as Action Plan) is aimed at preventing roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribe, or region. This can either be a plan developed with an Action Plan Grant, or a previously developed plan that is substantially similar and meets the eligibility requirements (e.g., a Vision Zero plan or similar plan).

2. Update or enhancement of an existing Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
3. Implementation of projects (construction) and activities identified in the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

Community Planning and Technical Assistance Grants

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) anticipates that the Florida Legislature will appropriate funding for the Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grants for state fiscal year (SFY) 2020-2021. CPTA Grants provide counties, municipalities, and regional planning councils the opportunity to create innovative plans and development strategies to promote a diverse economy and vibrant rural and suburban areas and meet the requirements of the Community Planning Act while protecting environmentally sensitive areas. Understanding that many Florida communities have been impacted by hurricanes Irma and Michael, CPTA grants may also be used for disaster recovery or resiliency planning and economic development.

Application Deadline: June, 2024

Contribution Match: 0%

Maximum Grant Amount: \$35,000-\$75,000

Program Priorities:

The county, municipality, or regional planning council develops projects that generally relate to community planning and economic development strategies that implement the requirements of the Community Planning Act. DEO encourages communities impacted by hurricanes Irma and/or Michael to apply for projects related to disaster recovery or resiliency. Previous grant projects include, but are not limited to, visual imaging for public projects; community redevelopment area plans and land development regulations; sea-level rise impacts to stormwater outfalls in the Indian River Lagoon; amendments to comprehensive plans and land development regulations; and plans for recreation facilities, neighborhoods, infrastructure, urban design, etc. Applicants are encouraged to seek funding for innovative, creative, or unique approaches to planning and development.