

National Scenic Byways Program FDOT 2022 Grant Submissions



Florida boasts one of the most extensive scenic byways programs in the United States. With 27 byway organizations in place, Florida's distinctive collection of truly American roads, their stories, and treasured places are embraced by Floridians as well as tourists supporting our state economy. For over a decade, the Federal Highway Administration's grant program has been inactive, causing many of the volunteer run byways to go dormant with hopes that one day the program would be activated again. With the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2022 came the announcement that \$22M in grant funds would be available to state Departments of Transportation.

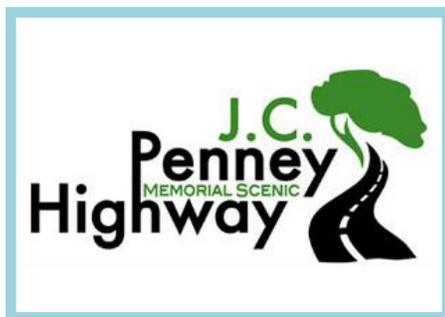
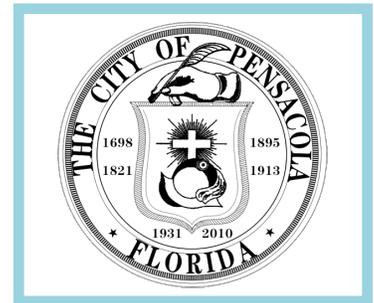
Our state byways organizations and agency partners are once again eligible to receive a much needed infusion of funding, ultimately invigorating the state's byway program once again. **The Florida Department of Transportation is seeking \$9,185,000 in grant funds that will be matched with \$1,837,000 of state and local funds to advance six projects to implementation.**

1. City of Pensacola

Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway Sidewalk Project

Install approximately 1.25 miles of new 5 foot sidewalks, on the west side of Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway, to connect the existing sidewalk just south of Hyde Park Road north to Summit Boulevard.

Project Cost: \$260,000



2. J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway

Resurfacing of the LOOP on the JC Penney Memorial Scenic Highway

The J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway allows visitors to experience the Penney Farms community by visiting its cultural, historical, and scenic resources, such as Penney Memorial Church, Penney Retirement Community's French Norman architecture, and the New Hope community. This grant would pay for critical resurfacing of the LOOP, the heart of the Byway.

Project Cost: \$50,000

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3. Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Martin Grades Historic Preservation

Martin Grade Scenic Highway – County Road 714 – known to the locals simply as “The Grade” is a beautiful road that time seems to have forgotten. This byway has fallen victim to invasive and exotic plants as well as a declining canopy. This grant would remove unnatural plant material and include supplemental planting of native trees to maintain the canopy of the historic road.



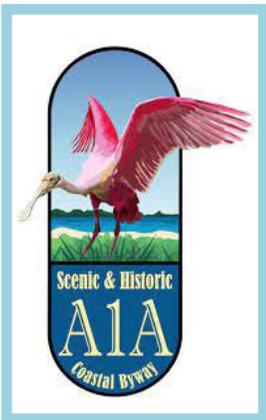
Project Cost: \$500,000

4. Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway, Inc

A1A All-American Road Rebranding Marketing Grant

Recognized as a National Scenic Byway in 2002, the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway was designated as Florida’s second All-American Road on February 16, 2021. With this designation as an All-American Road, all assets must be rebranded to reflect this update. Signage will enhance visibility for this 72 mile byway, attracting residents and visitors alike to experience scenic and historic assets along Florida First Coast.

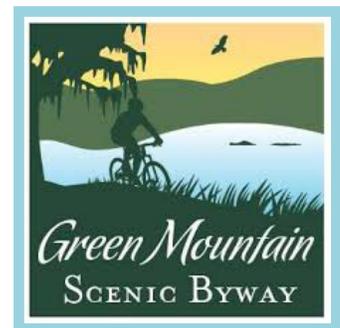
Project Cost: \$75,000



5. Green Mountain Scenic Byway, Inc.

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook and Trailhead 40’ Tower Addition

This project includes additional construction to an existing recreational facility along the Green Mountain Scenic Byway. The funds would be used to construct a second tower with an expanded deck 40 ft higher than the existing deck for enhanced viewing of Lake Apopka, the Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration Area, rocket launches from Cape Canaveral, as well as the Orlando skyline. The project will also include an elevator to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act.



Project Cost: \$1,300,000

6. Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway, Inc

Flagler County Visitor Experience Center

This will be an interactive, educational visitor center similar to the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Education and Marine Science Center while serving as the tourism and economic development office headquarters.

Project Cost: \$7,000,000

