



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2255

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In 2012, prior to the building of the new Liberty County High School (2020), the district began a fieldhouse project. Donations from local businesses were obtained and with the help of inmate labor, the building was dried in. Donations vanished and the money ran out and the building has been sitting vacant and unused for 11 years. Our desire is to make the building a multipurpose building; Allied Health Vocational Classroom by day, and football fieldhouse during football season.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	985,000
Total State Funds Requested	985,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	985,000	91%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	9%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,085,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

ESSER dollars were received and used with addressing educational learning loss. Other ESSER dollars are being used for HVAC work for air purification.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

January 30, 2025

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The Liberty County Fieldhouse/Allied Health Building will be owned by the Liberty County School District and is on the campus of Liberty County High School in Bristol, FL. The funds received will come into the Liberty County School District and spent on the campus of Liberty County High School.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Completion and transition of a vacant building at Liberty County High School to a multipurpose vocational classroom during the school day and football fieldhouse during the season. This building is located near current vocational education buildings at LCHS. Through the addition of Allied Health Training for students at LCHS, the building's location near the athletic fields will be ideal.	985,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		985,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The vacant building will be multipurpose in its usage, much like that of modern church buildings. It will be used as a classroom/training facility for Allied Health students during the school year while being used in the afternoon by the football team for a fieldhouse. The front of the building will be used for concessions. It is our goal to utilize our culinary students to cook and serve.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The Liberty County community is in great need of Vocational Education. In a recent survey given by the ACT, nursing/medical is the #1 interest of LCHS students. The need is great indeed. This building will help in that endeavor. Allied Health Students will be able to be utilized at athletic events in the evenings to provide entry level nursing supports. Having this additional training center gives the students of Liberty County High School a state of the art facility that mimics that of a small college. Its location in proximity to the athletic fields, give it the feel of an onsite orthopedic center during athletic contests. They can serve the athletic injuries in the same place where they are educated.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The county as a whole benefits by hopefully keeping our future citizens here in Liberty County. Construction begins soon at the new Calhoun Liberty Hospital and will need healthcare staff (nurses, CNA's, etc). We want to train our students for this labor force. The need for Allied Health jobs in our areas is quite the same for many areas throughout the state. Any job in the medical field is a great job that has the possibility of immediate employment thus improving the physical health of our citizens in Liberty and surrounding counties.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The entire population of Liberty County High School would be eligible to participate in Allied Health CTE during there tenure as students at LCHS. LCHS currently has 340 students.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The Florida Department of Education has placed HIGH priority on the value of CTE education in secondary and post secondary schools. Our desire is to produce program starters and completers. Those who do not finish can continue on the post secondary level at Chipola College, Lively Technical School, or the school of their choice. Data from Allied Health Certifications over the next 3 years will let us know if we are growing the program up to expectations. Also, jobs data in critical need areas will let us know if we are meeting the educational needs that the marketplace demands.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

The Florida Department of Education has placed HIGH priority on the value of CTE education in secondary and post secondary schools. Our desire is to produce program starters and completers. Those who do not finish can continue on the post secondary level at Chipola College, Lively Technical School, or the school of their choice. If the Liberty County School District does not meet deliverables and/or performance measures, especially with CTE education, the District can allow the Florida Department of Education to assist the district in alternative CTE programs that fully utilize the building space. This will NOT be a problem at all.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number