



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1443

1. Project Title 2. Senate Sponsor 3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Liberty County is seeking funding to improve multiple components of the Liberty County courthouse and clerk's office. These improvements would include increasing the ADA compliance of the courthouse entrances and hallways, installing "bandit barrier" glass at the Clerk's office and tax collector's office, extending a sidewalk to provide a safe walkway from a parking area to the building, converting the light fixtures to LED lighting as a more energy efficient operation and improving the landscaping to try and replace what was lost in Hurricane Michael. Liberty County is also considered a Rural Area of Opportunity and would appreciate any way that they can reduce any consumption and think that the LED lighting would help in that aspect considerably in the aging Courthouse building.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	380,000
Total State Funds Requested	380,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	380,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	380,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		380,000	3209C	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? 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?



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Yes

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

Liberty County was allocated \$1,457,708 as part of the CARES Act for state and local governments. However, to date the county has received \$655,969 in actual payments. Funds were used for PPE, sanitizing supplies, labor, equipment and other items that county officials deemed necessary in response to the public health emergency brought on by Covid-19.

11. 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	To purchase and install/construct all aspects of the proposed improvements.	380,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		380,000

12. Program Performance

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

The specific goal of this project would be to improve aspects of the courthouse for the use of the employees and the citizens of the county. Liberty County does not have the funds to be able to make these changes without financial assistance.

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

The ADA improvements will include a larger door and converting a set of stairs to a ramp. The "bandit barrier" glass will be installed for the protection of the employees. A sidewalk will be extended to a current parking area. The LED light fixtures will bring energy efficiency to the historic building. The focus of the landscaping will be the installation of matured oak trees to replace the landmark oak trees that were badly damaged/lost by Hurricane Michael among other improvements to bring beauty to the historic courthouse.

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

All of these improvements will be for the betterment of the courthouse for the citizens of the county by providing safety, energy efficiency, and much needed landscaping to give the citizens pride in their county courthouse.

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

There is no specific target population. The individuals who will be served are the numerous citizens that come to the courthouse for their local government business and the employees that work there every day.

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



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The benefit will be that the safety and productivity of the courthouse and the citizens using or working will be increased. The county can try to obtain surveys from the citizens to grade the improvements to the courthouse.

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 Auditor General conducts audits for both city and state agencies.

13. 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.

Liberty County owns and maintains all of the courthouse and surrounding facilities.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number