



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1444

1. Project Title Liberty County School District/Liberty County High School New Vocational Program

2. Senate Sponsor Lorraine Ausley

3. Date of Request 02/05/2021

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Liberty County was the recipient of a new high school in 2020 built with Special Facilities Funding through the Florida Legislature. As part of the design process, an additional classroom attached to shop space was added for a future vocational education program that currently is not in existence. The Liberty County School District recognizes the need for vocational and trade education in our community especially after Hurricane Michael. A construction trade program will encompass many of the present needs not only in Liberty County, but the surrounding impacted counties. There is huge need for plumbers, electricians, and other construction related employees right now. Our goal in Liberty County is to present this program for our students who can continue their training/education on a post-secondary level at either Chipola Jr. College, Tallahassee Community College, or Lively Vocational School.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

#### 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)	150,000	68%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	55,163	25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	15,000	7%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>220,163</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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

Yes

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

TOTAL - \$475,473.55  
ESSER - \$287,522.55  
GEER CTE Infrastructure \$65,182.00  
GEER Summer Recovery \$26,545.00  
COVID Prevention \$46,224.00  
Mental Health Grant \$50,000.00

#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Instructor Salary and Benefits	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, Tools, and Supplies	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

To provide the students of Liberty County exposure to a quality Career and Technical Education Program through the development of a Construction Management Course at the new Liberty County High School. It is our specific purpose to provide vocational instruction on the secondary level that may be continued and enhanced on the post secondary level. We are looking for program completion and continuation with our partners at Chipola College, Tallahassee Community College, and Lively Vocational School.

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

Students will have the opportunity to register for construction management and enjoy the benefits of this brand new offering at Liberty County High School. It is our desire to expose them through this program to the following trades: plumbing, electrical, roofing, sheet rock, masonry, welding, and engineering. Due to Hurricane Michael, there is still a great need in Liberty County for these wonderful trade jobs. It is most difficult to find workers. We want to meet the demand of the work force for these jobs. There are many jobs available, but the trained laborers are few. We want to change that and provide this opportunity for our students.

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



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We believe that our county and the Hurricane Michael impacted counties will be directly impacted positively by the addition of trained students ready for work. The needs are still great almost 3 years later. Blue tarps remain on roofs all over the panhandle. The demand for construction labor in these specific areas are great. We want our students to be on the frontline in helping the community while being in a great paying job from day one. We want to assist the students after program completion with job placement assistance.

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

The target group for training would be the students of Liberty County High School. Although we know not all students will sign up for this specific program, we do anticipate serving 75-90 students. Again, it is our specific goal to promote continuation of this program at the post secondary level at Chipola College, Tallahassee Community College, Lively Vocational School, or at a post secondary institution of their choice. We will also encourage and utilize dual enrollment for program completers at Liberty County High School.

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

The expected benefit is to produce program completers. We believe that program completion with an industry certification in construction, plumbing, electrical, roofing, etc., will give an opportunity for students to immediately enter the workforce. They will have the skills on an intermediate and advanced level to provide a service that is so needed in Hurricane Michael impacted areas of the panhandle of Florida. We will be involved with post secondary follow up to track how our program completers are doing one (1), three (3), and five (5) years after graduation from Liberty County High School. This information will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and justify its continued existence at Liberty County High School.

**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?**

Elimination of the program at Liberty County School due to non performance would be a fair penalty. Less than 80% program completion will be unacceptable to the Liberty County School District. The accountability to move the program forward as advertised will be a joint effort between the leadership of Liberty County High School, the Liberty County School District, and the Florida Department of Education. The Florida Auditor General's office will audit annually to ensure all allocated monies are being spent in the proper ways and locations. The Liberty County School Board will ensure the program is adequately funded to produce intended outcome measures.

**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.**

All property and capital outlay will remain under the ownership and control of the Liberty County School District.



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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) Public School District

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