



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1812

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Liberty County has been a great steward of our school buses. In a perfect scenario, the school district would purchase a new replacement school bus every other year. Due to a decrease in student enrollment due to Covid, insufficient transportation FTE, and a continued low tax base, Liberty County is unable to purchase a new replacement bus for our aging fleet. We were last able to purchase a bus in 2016. 80% of our running fleet are buses from 1998-2002, all with over 100,000 miles.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	123,000
Total State Funds Requested	123,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	123,000	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 2022-2023	123,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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

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	2021 Thomas 341 TS Freightliner B2 106 Chassis Allison 2500 BTS six speed w/LBSS, Cummins ISB 13 250hp/660 lb ft	123,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		123,000

12. Program Performance

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

Liberty County is requesting funds to purchase a replacement school bus. Currently 80% of the fleet is from 1998-2002 with all having well over 100k miles. The need for a 77 passenger bus will be an asset to the district for the next 15-20 years. The district has an increase of 180 students for the 2021-22 school year which makes the need even greater for adequate transportation to and from school and all extra curricular events.

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

The Liberty County School District will use these funds to update the aging fleet of school buses. The District will continue to seek ways to streamline and reduce costs for student transportation.

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

School Bus transportation to and from school and for extra curricular events for Liberty County students.

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

The students of the Liberty County School District. 1257 students.

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

The Liberty County School District will have an ongoing campaign to encourage student ridership within the district.

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?

DOE could always re-possess the bus if not being used.



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- 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 School District will maintain possession of the school bus and be responsible for all maintenance.



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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