



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2040

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is to continue the development of this new park expansion property to make it suitable for future park projects and to encourage exercise and physical activity for the county's citizens. The Veterans Memorial Railroad is an attraction that brings in thousands of visitors and revenue to the county. Improvements include land clearing, asphalt walking track, ballfields, restrooms, parking, festival staging areas, landscaping, and a storage facility for the park contents.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	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	400,000	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.

Liberty County was allocated \$1,457,708 as part of the CARES Act for state and local governments. Funds were used for PPE, sanitizing supplies, labor, equipment, and other items. Liberty County was allocated \$1,622,677 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. Funds are to be used for COVID-19 mitigation efforts, replacement of lost public sector revenue, premium pay for essential workers, and investments in water.

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	Engineering/inspection, construction, and land clearing activities.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

The activities will include clearing and grading the 12+ acres of land from the new park property and applying grass seed for erosion control. There's an existing asphalt walking path at the current park that will be extended around the new property to encourage people to get outdoors and promote a healthy lifestyle. Additional ballfields, restrooms, parking, festival staging areas, landscaping, and a storage facility for the park contents will also be constructed. The new property would also be developed to better host emergency services following major storms, such as the case after Hurricane Michael.

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

The development of this land will be the first step in providing more opportunities and activities for the citizens of the county, such as hosting tournaments, festivals, community events, and recreational activities, and being able to promote a healthy lifestyle for rural citizens to combat sickness and viruses, such as COVID-19.

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

Liberty County has a population near 9,000 citizens. However, with the Veterans Memorial Railroad and baseball/softball tournaments, the county has many annual visitors that come to utilize the Veterans Park.



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

The expected outcome of this project is to start the process of developing this property and give the citizens a great facility to exercise, play sports, be entertained, and have healthy minds and bodies. This is just the first step into making the Veterans Park a destination facility for the region. This outcome can be measured by encouraging people to leave reviews on the county website of their thoughts on the new improvements at the park.

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?

It is not anticipated that failing to meet deliverables or performance measures will occur; however, if such penalties are needed, withholding funding would be an appropriate measure.

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.

This facility will be owned and operated by the Liberty County Board of Commissioners.



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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