



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1462

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Liberty County School District is requesting state dollars to enhance classroom safety and security at our three schools: WR Tolar K-8, Hosford K-8, and Liberty County High. Specifically, funds are needed to retrofit classroom door sidelights and install bullet proof film on the classroom windows that are vulnerable to outside threats.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	120,000
Total State Funds Requested	120,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	120,000	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 2026-2027	120,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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, 2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Safe School Allocations from the Florida Department of Education

11. 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 School Board will maintain all school board properties and will ensure that all funding will be used for the requested purpose to fidelity.

12. 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		
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	The Liberty County School District is requesting state dollars to enhance classroom safety and security at our three schools; WR Tolar K-8, Hosford K-8, and Liberty County High. Specifically, funds are needed to retrofit classroom door sidelights and install bullet proof film on the classroom windows that are vulnerable to outside threats.	120,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		120,000

13. 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 Liberty County School Board, District/School administration, and the community have some grave concerns about the safety of our schools with existing sidelights (windows) in the classrooms and on the exterior of the school. Parents are also concerned if our schools are indeed safe from outside threats in our buildings. The purchase and installation of the new windows will help keep us safer!

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

The added safety retrofitting will also be an added bonus for citizens in the community who come to any and all school events.

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

Primarily the target population are the students and staff at all 3 of our schools in Liberty County. This is about 1400 people on a daily basis. It will also provide added safety during public events such as graduation services, ball games, and parental participation events throughout the school year.

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

The knowledge of having extra safety measures in place should make students and parents confident to send their children to school knowing it is a very safe environment. Hopefully we will never have an active shooter situation, but if we did, we know these safety window upgrades should drastically reduce loss of life.

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 in the contract?

The Liberty County School Board will forfeit all monies if retrofitting is not complete within one year from financial distribution on July 1, 2026. All work will be completed by June 30, 2027.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.