



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1490

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Acquire and ready strategic industrial land in Liberty County to attract high-wage employers and diversify the tax base. Funds cover land purchase and initial site-readiness steps (environmental due diligence, survey/title, geotech, preliminary engineering, utilities/access planning, and site certification prep). The project positions Liberty County to compete for private investment and job creation consistent with successful rural NW Florida models.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2026

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

County economic development funds; future tenant/user lease

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.

Owner: Liberty County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Relationship: Recipient and owner of record; county will own and manage the site for economic development.

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	Acquire and ready strategic industrial land in Liberty County to attract high-wage employers and diversify the tax base. Funds cover land purchase and initial site-readiness steps (environmental due diligence, survey/title, geotech, preliminary engineering, utilities/access planning, and site certification prep). The project positions Liberty County to compete for private investment and job creation consistent with successful rural NW Florida models.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Acquire and ready strategic industrial land to attract high-wage employers, diversify the tax base, and create durable jobs in Liberty County.

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



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Land purchase; due diligence (environmental, survey, title, geotech); master planning; utility and access engineering; site readiness/certification; marketing package preparation.

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

Indirect capital project enabling employer recruitment, job creation, and long-term economic growth (improved access to quality jobs; reduced out-commuting).

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

Economically disadvantaged residents, jobseekers, veterans, and the general public; countywide impact (~8,500 residents).

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

Create specific immediate job opportunities
Measure: construction/site-prep jobs;
Method: contractor payroll/certified job reports.

Increase or improve economic activity
Measure: private capital investment; added taxable value; new square footage;
Method: permits, investment docs, tax roll data.

Enhance specific individuals' economic self-sufficiency
Measure: local hires at above-average wages;
Method: employer verification, wage records.

Protect the general public from harm (controlled industrial design, emergency access)
Measure: compliance milestones;
Method: approved site plans, fire/EMS access certifications.

Other – Rural industrial site readiness
Measure: acres certified shovel-ready;
Method: engineering certifications, utility readiness letters.

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?

Milestone-based disbursements; quarterly performance reports; clawback/withhold of undisbursed funds if milestones aren't met (e.g., 12 months to close on land; 18 months to complete initial readiness). Reversion of unused funds at project end.

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



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- ☐ 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:

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



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☐ 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

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.