



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1491

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Liberty County will update its Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code to align with Florida Statutes, modern growth management standards, economic development goals, infrastructure needs, resilience priorities, and statewide housing initiatives. This project will produce a fully updated guide for responsible growth, emergency planning, and community development, replacing outdated regulations and ensuring statutory compliance.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	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	150,000	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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	These funds will be used solely for planning consultant services, legal review, public engagement, preparation of updated Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code documents, and assistance through state compliance and adoption.	150,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

13. Program Performance

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

To modernize Liberty County's Comprehensive Plan & Land Development Code to comply with state law, guide future development, strengthen infrastructure planning, and support economic and community growth.

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

Planning and legal consultant services, Policy drafting and state required element updates, Adoption hearings and compliance review, Staff training & implementation support.



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

Improved development policy clarity, Better infrastructure and utility planning, Environmental and storm resilience planning, Economic opportunity and housing support.

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

Entire Liberty County population (~7,500 residents), businesses, landowners, and future residents.

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

This project will result in a fully updated Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code that align with current Florida Statutes, support responsible growth, and improve economic development readiness. Expected benefits include clearer development regulations, modernized infrastructure and land-use planning, improved disaster and resilience planning, increased predictability for property owners and businesses, and enhanced public transparency in development processes. Success will be measured by the official adoption of the updated plan and code by the Board of County Commissioners, confirmation of statutory compliance by the State of Florida, improved development review timelines, and increased private investment interest and development applications due to clearer and updated regulations.

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?

If the county fails to meet performance milestones or deliver required planning documents, the contracting agency may withhold payment until work is completed and may require reimbursement of funds for deliverables not produced. The county supports the state withholding or clawing back funds if the project is not completed in accordance with the contracted scope, timeline, and deliverable requirements.

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.