



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1492

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose of this project is to enhance the recreation opportunity for the citizens of Liberty County and visitors who utilize the Bristol Boat Ramp. If funds are secured, the improvements would include resurfacing and widening the existing boat ramp to accommodate higher volumes of traffic, install a floating dock to provide convenient and safe boat launching, mitigation for erosion by installing sheet - piles and rip-rap, upgrading the lighting system, and improving the parking lot.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

The general operating budget will be utilized for ongoing operations and maintenance.

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.

Liberty County, City of Bristol, and surrounding Counties.

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 specific purpose of this project is to enhance the recreation opportunity for the citizens of Liberty County and visitors who utilize the Bristol Boat Ramp. If funds are secured, the improvements would include resurfacing and widening the existing boat ramp to accommodate higher volumes of traffic, install a floating dock to provide convenient and safe boat launching, mitigation for erosion by installing sheet - piles and rip-rap, upgrading the lighting system, and improving the parking lot.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this funding request is to provide long over due improvements to the Bristol Boat Ramp. The County has diligently pursued available funding to make the improvements but has not been successful. These improvements are necessary for the safety of citizens using the facility and will ensure modern materials are used for sustainability of the boat ramp.



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

The improvements that will be made if funded include resurfacing and widening the existing boat ramp to accommodate higher volumes of traffic, install a floating dock to provide convenient and safe boat launching, mitigation for erosion by installing sheet - piles and rip-rap, upgrading the lighting system, and improving the parking lot.

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

Boat launching services for fresh or salt water fishing.

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

Potentially greater than 5,000 annually if the improvements are made.

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

The measurable benefit to making these improvements is increased tourism, recreation, and economic benefits which will be driven from the increased usage once the improvements are made. The number of people who utilize the boat ramp can be determined by counting each launch.

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 County will ensure all performance measures and deliverables are met so that there will be no penalties.

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:

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



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- ☐ 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
- c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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