



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1493

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Liberty County (County) requests funds for the purchase of a commercial fire tanker. The County is a fiscally constrained rural community with limited tax base and sizable areas without fire hydrants. Fire suppression depends heavily on mobile water supply apparatuses. The current tanker fleet is outdated and unreliable. This funding request enables replacement with a modern 3000-gallon E-ONE Wetside Tanker, improving public safety, compliance, and disaster readiness. The project ensures the County can maintain essential emergency response capability despite limited local resources.

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	549,990
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	549,990

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)	549,990	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	549,990	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

Liberty County has a 1/2 cent "fire tax" that we use to pay for small equipment purchases 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 Board of County Commissioners - Volunteer Fire Department

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	Purchase of one (1) NFPA-compliant 2026 E-ONE 3000-gallon water tanker including chassis, apparatus body, equipment upgrades, and delivery/inspection.	549,990
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)		549,990

13. Program Performance

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

To acquire a 2026 E-ONE 3000-gallon tanker to improve fire suppression capability, water supply delivery, and emergency response in rural, unhydranted areas across Liberty County.

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



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Funds will be used to purchase, equip, inspect, and place the fire tanker into operational service; train personnel; and integrate the vehicle into county-wide fire response operations.

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

Provides reliable mobile water supply and firefighting capability for residential, commercial, agricultural, and wildland fire incidents, ensuring public safety and emergency response readiness.

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

Entire Liberty County population (approx. 8,500 residents), including rural communities and volunteer fire districts covering 836 square miles.

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

Increased fire suppression capacity in rural areas
Reduced property loss and response time
NFPA-compliant equipment for firefighter safety
Enhanced wildfire and disaster response capability

Measured by: Incident reports, water-delivered logs, ISO fire ratings, average response time, and reduction in mutual aid dependency.

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?

Standard performance-based contract; payment upon delivery and acceptance. Liquidated damages apply if delivery exceeds 180 days beyond contract terms absent justifiable cause.

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**
- c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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