



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1521

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

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funding will enable Liberty County Fire Rescue to operate on the same communication network as the Liberty County Sheriff's Office and 911 dispatch, fostering seamless coordination among all first responders. Upgrading Fire Rescue radio equipment to meet the requirements of the P25 compliant SLERS 2 system ensures compliance with statewide standards.

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	1,610,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,610,000

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)	1,610,000	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	1,610,000	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?

N/A

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.

N/A

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Fully P25-compliant SLERS mobile and portable radios, programming, installation, removals, fleetmapping, parts, testing, tuning, configuration, engineering, project management, training, and more will enhance interoperability through the SLERS. This upgrade enables seamless communication among Liberty County first responders and beyond, ensuring efficient coordination and improved public safety.	1,610,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,610,000

13. Program Performance

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

Funds will be utilized to upgrade Liberty County's Fire Rescue radio equipment to the P25-compliant SLERS Phase 2, ensuring statewide compliance and unifying communication for Fire, EMS, and the Sheriff's Office. This enhances interoperability, improving coordination among local, state, and federal agencies for more effective response efforts. The upgrade also strengthens first responder safety and mutual aid support to neighboring areas.



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

Enhanced, secure, reliable Fire Rescue radio communication services to ensure first responders are able to quickly and accurately provide emergency response services to the county and to provide mutual aid to surrounding areas.

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

Direct services provided to citizens are the improvement of communications for Fire Rescue providing greater interoperability and safety for first responders, as well as reducing emergency response times, injuries, fatalities, and property damage.

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

The target population for this project are the citizens and visitors of Liberty County that would benefit from the improvement in Fire Rescue communications and increased efficiency between agencies that provide emergency response at the local level.

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

The expected benefits of this project include improvements to public physical health through faster response times to emergencies, and an improvement of communication between local law enforcement and state agencies. Outcomes will be measured by tracking response times, and incident resolution.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding to the state.

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

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