



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Veteran's Park Land Purchase and Development

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/15/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Liberty County is seeking funding to purchase 17 acres adjacent to the Veteran's Park in Bristol, FL, as an expansion effort, along with some costs for clearing/grubbing and site work on the property. The local library, Max and Evelyn Harrell Memorial Library, which the County owns and operates, will also be relocated onto this property.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of State

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	285,000	285,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	15,000	5.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	15,000	5.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 300,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Private land has recently become available for purchase, with the owner preferring to sell all of the for sale property to the County to expand the local recreation park which sits adjacent, as well as relocate the current library, which is owned and operated by the County. The County does not have the funds currently to purchase the entire property and the owner does not wish to break up the property in parts.

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

If awarded, the County will be able to clear and grade the land and relocate the Max and Evelyn Memorial Library while also preparing it for more baseball/softball fields, basketball court, soccer/football field, and other recreational activities; including hosting festivals, athletic tournaments, and community/area events for the County citizens. It is rare that an opportunity for a land purchase arises that would benefit the citizens in so many different ways than this one that Liberty County has been presented.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		



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Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land Purchase	300,000
TOTAL		300,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Currently, the Veteran's Park is landlocked with private land surrounding all sides of the park property. The proposed purchase of the land will be the new home of the public library and the expansion of the park will provide more opportunities and activities for the citizens of the County such as hosting tournaments, festivals, community events, and recreational activities.

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

There is no specific target population. The individuals who will be served are the countless number of local and regional citizens that visit the park throughout the year for sports, entertainment, events, and recreation along with the many daily visitors to the public library. This is a Rural Area of Economic Concern.

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

The outcome of this project will be the new home of the public library and expansion of the park which will benefit countless of tax-paying citizens. This outcome can be measured by surveys of local citizens that can be generated after the land acquisition.

g. 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 Auditor General conducts audits for both City and State agencies.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The owner of the property which Liberty County would like to purchase is John Schmarje. The only relationship between Mr. Schmarje and Liberty County is that he is a Liberty County citizen.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Kathy Brown
- b. **Organization:** Liberty County Board of County Commissioners



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Liberty County Board of County Commissioners
- b. **County:** Liberty
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Kathy Brown
- e. **E-mail Address:** kbrown@libertyclerk.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)643-2215

15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**