



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2541

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

4. Project/Program Description

In 2018, the Liberty County School District was the proud recipient of a new high school in Bristol, FL. The new high school opened in August 2020 and was paid for by Special Facility Funding. During the construction process, the high school softball complex had to be relocated to an alternate location on campus. No Special Facility Funding was available for relocation. A new field was built and fenced. We need to finish the project to provide ADA restrooms/locker rooms, etc. Liberty County School District does not have the tax base nor the revenue to finish this much needed project to be in compliance with Title 9.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	475,000
Total State Funds Requested	475,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	475,000	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 2023-2024	475,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 31, 2023

12. 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.

The Liberty County School District will be the owners of the facility as it will be part of the campus of Liberty County High School in Bristol, FL.

13. 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: Other		
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	Construction of a softball fieldhouse to include ADA compliant bathrooms for fans and players, a locker room, storage, and concession stand. One building can be constructed to house all the above.	475,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		475,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The new softball fieldhouse will be a right to a wrong in a major oversight by the Department of Education in the building of the new Liberty County High School. This facility will now give girls softball an equal facility of the that of the boys. It will provide ADA compliant facilities to students, student athletes, and spectators. The LCHS softball team will have a new facility from which to enjoy the sport of softball that has been highly successful in the past. The team played in the FHSAA state series final four last year.

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

ADA compliant facilities and concessions. Currently, the field uses portable bathrooms and a makeshift bathroom constructed from a storage shed for facilities. Concessions, which are a huge part of financial revenue, is limited to can drinks and candy sold from a cooler. There is no covered area for concessions.

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

Liberty County High School currently has 335 students. All students can utilize the field for physical education classes and competitive play.

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

Increase ticket sales and a state championship in 2023. We believe the pride that comes from facilities encourages student athletes to play the game. We see this in college recruitment daily. Getting girls interested in extra-curricular sports keeps them off the street and in the game. Discipline issues are drastically reduced when students are involved in extra-curricular activities like softball.

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 the contract?

Liberty will forfeit any and all funding if we do not do what we say we will do with the appropriation request.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number