



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2146

1. **Title of Project:** Liberty County Sheriff's Drug Task Force

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/27/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project, if funded, would result in the creation and staffing of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force. Over the past decade, methamphetamine use has devastated Liberty County. Over the past twelve (12) months, the Liberty County Sheriff's Office has made over 400 arrests associated with methamphetamine possession, distribution and sale. This project will create three (3) sworn law enforcement positions specifically tasked with the aggressive proactive pursuit of methamphetamine possession, distribution and sale activity. Additionally, the members of this task force will work cooperatively with other local law enforcement agencies in the region as well as state and federal law enforcement agencies to further combat the distribution of methamphetamines in our area through cooperative enforcement and intelligence sharing.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Law Enforcement

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	354,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	354,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	354,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	354,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$204,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries, benefits, and associated personnel expenses associated with three (3) sworn law enforcement positions (recurring in future years). Purchase and equipping of three (3) law enforcement patrol vehicles for members of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force (nonrecurring).	329,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, supplies, and materials necessary (recurring in future years)	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		354,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal to be achieved by this funding is the creation, staffing, and equipping of the Liberty County Drug Task Force within the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. The Drug Task Force will consist of three (3) full-time sworn law enforcement officer positions consisting of a Task Force Commander, and two subordinate members. These three (3) employees will be tasked with the proactive pursuit and enforcement of laws pertaining to Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (F.S.S. 893). Specifically, these officers will be focused on combating the methamphetamine epidemic sweeping our region and working collaboratively with other area local and state law enforcement agencies.

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

The creation, staffing, and equipping of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force. Once this step is completed, the Drug Task Force shall begin proactive drug enforcement activities targeting methamphetamines as well as other illegal controlled substances with the ultimate goal of apprehending local and regional sources of distribution with the final goal of curbing the availability of methamphetamine and other controlled substances within our county and region.



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

The citizens, visitors, businesses and organizations operating within Liberty County will benefit by experience a higher quality of life, as well as a lower chance of victimization as a result of less prevalent and readily available illegal drugs including methamphetamines.

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

The target population to be served by this project are the approximately 8,365 permanent residents of Liberty County, as well as approximately 3,000 additional part-time seasonal residents, visitors, businesses and organizations operating within Liberty County.

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

The expected outcome of this project will be the creation and implementation of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force. This Task Force is expected to work cooperatively with area and state law enforcement agencies in the aggressive and proactive pursuit and apprehension of individuals engaged in propagating the distribution of illegal drugs, specifically methamphetamines. The success of this project will be measured by the continuing availability of methamphetamines within Liberty County, as well as the number of drug related overdose deaths occurring within Liberty County, and the number of persons and property crimes associated with methamphetamine use and distribution.

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?

Withholding of additional state funds; repayment of funds previously expended

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.

Liberty County Sheriff's Office

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Liberty County Sheriff's Office
- c. **E-mail Address:** ejwhite@libertycountysheriff.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)643-5615

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Liberty County Sheriff's Office
- b. **County:** Liberty
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity



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University or College

Other (Please specify)

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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name: None

b. Firm Name: None

c. E-mail Address:

d. Phone Number: