



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2324

**1. Title of Project:** Veterans Park Expansion and Development

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

**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.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding                    | Amount         |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations                         |                |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 285,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>285,000</b> |

**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)       | 285,000       | 95.00%        |
| Federal  | 0             | 0.00%         |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0             | 0.00%         |
| Local  | 15,000        | 5.00%         |
| Other  | 0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b> | <b>15,000</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

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

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | NonRecurring |                             |        |
|                          |           |              |                             |        |

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

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

| Spending Category                                   | Description | Amount |
|---|-------------|--------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>                        |             |        |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits |             |        |
| Other Salary and Benefits                           |             |        |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other             |             |        |



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| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  |                |
| <b>Operational Costs:</b>  |  |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |  |                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  |                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  |                |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning                                  | Veterans Park land expansion purchase and minimal site | 285,000        |
| Engineering  | development  |                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>285,000</b> |

**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 and create more area for emergency staging and a separate entrance/exit route which can be used for emergency purposes. 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?**

The county will be able to purchase, clear, and re-grade the land. The new property would also be developed to better host emergency services following major storms, such as the case after Hurricane Michael. A new entrance/exit route would also be constructed.

**c. 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 provide more opportunities and activities for the citizens of the county such as hosting tournaments, festivals, community events, and recreational activities. The county would also like to expand the current Veterans Memorial Railroad to provide historical and educational exhibits of Liberty County.

**d. 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.

**e. 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 expansion of the park, which will benefit a countless number of tax-paying citizens and has been requested by the Liberty County citizens for years. This outcome can be measured by surveys of local citizens that can be generated after the land acquisition.

**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 contract penalties.



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**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

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Liberty County BOCC
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- d. **Phone Number:** (850)643-2215

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Liberty County BOCC
- 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
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**15. Lobbyist Contact Information**

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