



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2531

**1. Title of Project:** Hurricane Michael - Liberty County - Ad Valorem Tax Loss

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

**3. Date of Submission:** 03/06/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

This is a request to assist Liberty County for the projected loss in ad valorem tax revenues for calendar year 2019. This loss is due to a potential decrease in property values as a result of Hurricane Michael. These funds are essential revenues for the county as they provide funding for all constitutional officer budget deficiencies as well as general unrestricted funds for county operations. This funding request is based on calculated estimates from the Liberty County Property Appraiser's Office that are being estimated months before actual tax roles are determined. There could be considerable variations in the figures below before tax roles close for 2019. The breakdown of projected ad valorem tax losses is: County - \$358,720; Northwest Florida Water Management - \$1,306; Schools - \$257,882; City of Bristol - \$20,335; Total - \$638,243

**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	638,243
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>638,244</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)	638,244	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

**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?** No



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#### 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		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Replacement for anticipated losses from assessed ad valorem revenues due to the reduction in taxable value as a result of damages to property from Hurricane Michael.	638,243
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>638,244</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

To bridge the gap between the anticipated revenues and the known operational and service expenses that the county is obligated to provide.

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

N/A

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

Currently the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners taxes its citizens at the statutory maximum mills, offsetting the ad valorem tax as required by the passing of a local 0.5 cent sales tax for fire control. The county has imposed the statutory maximum special assessments. Citizens are taxed at the highest rate of any county in the state, due to the fiscally constrained and rural nature of the county.

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

Constitutional minimum service requirements benefit all citizens within the county. This funding will allow Liberty County to at least meet those required minimum services.

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

Obtaining the minimal level of funding to meet constitutional service requirements.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard**



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#### **penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

#### **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 Board of County Commissioners.

#### **13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Clerk of Court
- c. **E-mail Address:** kbrown@libertyclerk.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)643-2215

#### **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
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#### **15. Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**