



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1445

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To clear and develop roughly 12+ acres, adjacent to the existing Veterans Park in Bristol, FL along with extending the existing asphalt walking trail around the new property (4,100 LF) and constructing a 7,000 square foot storage facility for the Veterans Memorial Railroad. The Liberty County Board of County Commissioners are in the final steps of purchasing the 20+ acre property in an effort to expand the Veterans Park and provide all citizens more options for recreation activities and promoting a healthier lifestyle.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.

Liberty County was allocated \$1,457,708 as part of the CARES Act for State and Local Governments. However, to date the County has only received \$655,969 in actual payments. Funds were used for PPE, sanitizing supplies, labor, equipment and other items that the County officials deemed necessary in response to the Public Health Emergency brought on by Covid-19.

#### 11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering/ Inspection, Construction and Land Clearing Activities	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of these funds is to continue the development of this new park expansion property to make it suitable for future park projects and to encourage exercise and physical activity for the County's citizens. The Veterans Memorial Railroad is an attraction for the community that brings in thousands of visitors and revenue to the County. The storage facility will be able to house their Halloween and Christmas exhibits year round in a safe and secure location.

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

The activities will include clearing and grading the 12+ acres of land from the new park property and applying grass seed for erosion control. There's an existing asphalt walking path at the current park that will be extended around the new property to encourage people to get outdoors and promote a healthy lifestyle. The 7,000 square foot storage facility will be built at the edge of the property and be a place to store and work on the different elements of the extremely popular Veterans Memorial Railroad and their holiday train rides.

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

These improvements will provide the citizens more recreational areas to get outside and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Statistics show that being outside and active is extremely beneficial to combat sickness and virus, such as COVID-19.

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

Liberty County has a population near 9,000 citizens. However, with the Veterans Memorial Railroad and baseball/softball tournaments, the County has many visitors yearly that come to utilize the Veterans Park.

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



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The expected outcome of this project is to start the process of developing this property and giving the citizens a great facility to exercise, play sports, be entertained and have healthy minds and bodies. This is just the first step into making the Veterans Park a destination facility for the region. This outcome can be measured by encouraging people to leave reviews on the County website of their thoughts on the new improvements at the park.

**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?**

There are no anticipated penalties associated with this request.

**13. 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.**

This facility will be owned and operated by the Liberty County Board of Commissioners.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number