

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: (LRA) Local Road Assistance Administration Grant Application

DATE: March 30, 2026

BUDGET INFORMATION: \$1,038,978.86

ANNUAL-

GRANT- \$1,038,696.09

SPLOST VII- \$282.77

☒ **RECOMMENDATION**

☐ **POLICY DISCUSSION**

☐ **STATUS REPORT**

☐ **OTHER**

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: April 20, 2026

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from the BOC to approve the (LRA) Local Road Assistance Administration Grant Application, with 0% match.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: The Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) is a grant that Habersham County receives each year from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The LMIG grant allocates State resources for Road Improvements with a 30% match from local governing authorities. The application for the 2026 LMIG grant was approved by the Board at the July 21, 2025 meeting.

The attached (LRA) Local Road Assistance Administration grant is for an additional, one-time, GDOT grant, with 0% match for local governing authorities. These additional funds have been allocated by the Governor and the Legislature from the amended fiscal year 2026 budget. Habersham County will receive \$1,038,696.09 from the State allocation of \$250 million in grants to local governments for road projects. Once approved by the BOC, the application will be sent to GDOT for processing and approval. After approval, GDOT will forward the formula amount to Habersham County. The attached project summary sheet may be revised once we are ready to put the bid document together for advertisement. The attached project list consists of an additional 4.47 miles of road resurfacing and 0.65 miles of guardrail replacement, in addition to the 7.58 miles within the previously approved LMIG 2026 list.

The deadline for this application is June 15, 2026.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- Formula amount for Habersham is \$1,038,696.09.
 - No local match is required.
 - The current proposed project value is estimated to cost \$1,038,978.86
 - Of the total project cost, the local share (overage) will be \$282.77 from SPLOST VII.
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OPTIONS:

- Approve the 2026 (LRA) Local Road Assistance Administration Grant application.
- Do not approve the application.
- Commission defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to approve the 2026 (LRA) Local Road Assistance Administration Grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Mike Gardner *MPG*

Interim Director: Mac Koon

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:** _____

County Manager

DATE: _____

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT
GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 LRA Supplemental**
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

I, _____ (Name), the _____ (Title), on behalf of _____ (Local Government), who being duly sworn do swear that the information given herein is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Local Government swears and certifies that it has read and understands the LMIG General Guidelines and Rules and that it has complied with and will comply with the same.

Local government further swears and certifies that it has read and understands the regulations for the Georgia Planning Act (O.C.G.A. § 45-12-200, et seq.), Service Delivery Strategy Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20, et seq.), Immigration Sanctuary Policies; prohibition; penalties (O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23), and the Local Government Budgets and Audits Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-81-7 et seq.) and will comply in full with said provisions. Local government further swears and certifies that the roads or sections of roads described and shown on the local government's Project List are dedicated public roads and are part of the Public Road System in said county/city. Local government further swears and certifies that it complied with federal and/or state environmental protection laws and at the completion of the project(s), it met the match requirements as stated in the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) (O.C.G.A. § 48-8-240).

Further, the local government shall be responsible for any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to negligent acts, errors, or omissions related to the designs, drawings, specifications, work and other services furnished by or on behalf of the local government pursuant to this Application ("Loss"). To the extent provided by law, the local government further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the DEPARTMENT and the State of Georgia from all suits or claims that may arise from said Loss.

If the local government fails to comply with these General Guidelines and Rules, or fails to comply with its Application and Certification, or fails to cooperate with the auditor(s) or fails to maintain and retain sufficient records, the DEPARTMENT may, at its discretion, prohibit the local government from participating in the LMIG program in the future and may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the LMIG funds. Furthermore, if in the estimation of the DEPARTMENT, a project shows evidence of failure(s) due to poor workmanship, the use of substandard materials, or the failure to follow the required design and construction guidelines as set forth herein, the Department may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the allocated LMIG funds or prohibit local government from participating in the LMIG program until such time as corrections are made to address the deficiencies or reimbursement is made. All projects identified on the Project list shall be constructed in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications of Transportation Systems (Current Edition), Supplemental Specifications (Current Edition), and Special Provisions.

Local Government:

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Print)

Mayor / Commission Chairperson

_____ (Date)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAL (required):

E-Verify Number

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

In the presence of:

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL (required):

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
ANNUAL IMMIGRATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/
NO SANCTUARY POLICY/FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

By executing this document, the undersigned duly authorized representative of the Local Governing Body, certifies that the Local Governing Authority:

- 1) has filed a compliant Annual Immigration Compliance Report with the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts ("GDA&A") for the preceding calendar year required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-4(b), or has been issued a written exemption from GDA&A from doing so;
- 2) has not enacted a "Sanctuary Policy" in violation of O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23(b); and,
- 3) is in compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 35-1-17 et seq. regarding its obligation to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement authorities to deter the presence of criminal illegal aliens.

As an ongoing condition to receiving funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Local Governing Body shall continue to remain fully compliant with O.C.G.A. §§ 50-36-4, 36-80-23 and 35-1-17 et seq. for the duration of time the subject agreement is in effect.

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Date

Previous Grant Completion Status

(for FY 2026 LRA Supplemental)

Fiscal Year	Grant Type	Percent Complete (%)	SFE Submitted (Y/N)	Comments
2026	LMIG			
2025	LRA			
2025	LMIG			
2024	LRA			
2024	LMIG			
2023	LMIG			
2022	LMIG			

For the FY 2026 LRA Application: Please complete and attach this page with your Signature Page.

1. Grant Type: (LMIG or Local Road Assistance 'LRA')
2. Percent Complete: (0% - 100%)
3. SFE Submitted: For grants that are 100% complete, indicate whether the Statement of Final Expenditures (SFE), with supporting documents, has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation, by a "Y" for yes or a "N" for no.



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April 2, 2026

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RE: LRA 2026 Grant Application – Habersham County

Mr. Arnhart:

Please find enclosed the Habersham County 2026 Local Road Administration (LRA) application, along with a project list including locations, scope of work, and estimated costs. The projects being proposed for the 2026 LRA program consist of patching, milling, leveling, and resurfacing of 4.47 miles of county roads, in addition to the replacement of 0.65 miles of guardrail with a current total estimated value of \$1,038,978.86.

The contract for the 2025 LMIG/LRA project was let to Pittman Construction Company of Conyers, GA. The final value of the project is \$2,206,777.07 and included 14.23 miles of county roads.. The project is in the final closeout process. There are no other active LMIG projects in Habersham County.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Mac Koon, Interim Public Works Director at (706) 839-0183.

Sincerely,

Bruce Harkness, Chairman
Habersham County Board of Commissioners

Habersham County LRA 2026 Project List

GDOT allocated: \$ 1,038,696.09 to HABCO with 0% match

No.	Co. Rd.	Road Name	Beginning	Ending	Length	Description of Work	Project Cost	Project Let Date
at \$168k/mile								
1	682	Hunters Run Rd	Double Bridge Rd	End	0.44	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 73,920.00	May 2026
2	26	Payne Norton Rd	Alto-Mud Creek Rd	Mud Creek Rd	1.46	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 245,280.00	May 2026
3	339	Simmemon Rd	Kitchens Rd	Burning Bush Dr	0.22	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 36,960.00	May 2026
4	340	Burning Bush Dr	Simmemon Rd	End	0.16	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 26,880.00	May 2026
5	146	Beaver Dam Rd	SR115	Gastley Rd	0.42	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 70,560.00	May 2026
6	146	Beaver Dam Rd	Gastly Rd	SR197	0.41	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 68,880.00	May 2026
7	764	Windcrest Dr	Herring Mill Rd	End	0.18	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 30,240.00	May 2026
7	205	Frank Lovell Rd	New Liberty Rd	Mack Eller Rd	1.18	Mill, Level, Resurface	\$ 198,240.00	May 2026
TOTAL MILES:					4.47		\$ 750,960.00	

Subtotal Road Imps: \$ 750,960.00

No.	Co. Rd. No.	Road Name	Beginning	Ending	Length (Miles)	Description of Work	Project Let Date
							May 2026
1	545	Demorest Mt Airy			0.65	guardrail replacement	May 2026
							May 2026

design total miles: 0.65at \$106,538.46/mi\$69,250.00

construction total miles: 0.65at \$336,567.48 /mi\$218,768.86

Subtotal striping:\$288,018.86

Total Proposed LRA:\$1,038,978.86

LRA Grant:\$1,038,696.09

delta =\$282.77