HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: LMIG 2026 Grant Application

DATE: July 10, 2025

(X) **RECOMMENDATION**
( ) **POLICY DISCUSSION**
( ) **STATUS REPORT**
( ) **OTHER**

BUDGET INFORMATION: $1,255,800.00
ANNUAL-
GRANT- $961,964.71
SPLOST VII- $293,935.29

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: July 21, 2025

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from the BOC to approve the LMIG 2026 Grant Application.

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 attached 2026 grant application will be for work that is tentatively scheduled for next year. Once approved by the BOC, the application will be sent to GDOT for processing and approval. After approval, GDOT will forward the formula amount we receive, which is $961,964.71. The attached project summary sheet may be revised once we are ready to put the bid document together for advertisement. As always, the county must at minimum match 30% of the formula amount.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- Formula amount for Habersham is $961,964.71
- A minimum 30% local match is required; the minimum required is $288,559.41
- Local share costs will be funded through SPLOST VII
- The current proposed project value is estimated to cost $1,255,800.00
- Of the total project cost, the local share will be $293,935.29

OPTIONS:

- Approve the 2026 LMIG Application
- Do not approve the application
- Commission defined alternative

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to approve the 2026 LMIG Grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Mike Gardner MPG

Director: Jeny Baggett, Public Works

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: _____

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_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager

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July 21, 2025

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RE: LMIG 2026 Grant Application – Habersham County

Mr. Arnhart

Please find enclosed the Habersham County 2026 LMIG application, along with a project list including locations, scope of work, and estimated costs. The projects being proposed for the 2026 LMIG program consist of patching, milling, leveling, and resurfacing 7.80 miles of county roads.

The 2025 LMIG/LRA resurfacing projects are scheduled to be awarded to Pittman Construction Company of Conyers, GA. The current value of the project is $2,206,777.07. The estimated completion date is October 3, 2025. There are no other active LMIG projects in Habersham County.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jerry Baggett, Public Works Director at (706) 839-0213 or (404) 987-9272.

Sincerely,

Ty Akins, Chairman
Habersham County Board of Commissioners

GEORGIA DOT LMIG PROGRAM
Habersham County 2026 Project List

No.	Co. Rd. No.	Road Name	Beginning	Ending	Length (Miles)	Description of Work	Project Cost	Project Let Date
							at $161k/mile	
1	726	Autumn Breeze Dr.	SR 17	Cul-de-sac	0.15	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 24,150.00	Feb-26
2	100	Blair Rd.	Old 197	Dicks Hill Pkwy.	1.91	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 307,510.00	Feb-26
3	699	Copperhead Rd.	Duncan Bridge Rd.	Hidden Springs Trl.	0.03	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 4,830.00	Feb-26
4	387	Demorest/Mt. Airy Hwy.	Camp Creek Rd.	Old 197	1.30	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 209,300.00	Feb-26
5	387	Demorest/Mt. Airy Hwy.	SR 365	Camp Creek Rd.	1.54	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 247,940.00	Feb-26
6	360	Key Rd.	Dicks Hill Pkwy.	Dead End	0.31	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 49,910.00	Feb-26
7	727	Majestic Way	Autumn Breeze Dr.	Cul-de-sac	0.28	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 45,080.00	Feb-26
8	928	Neal King Rd. SW	Old Cleveland Rd.	Dead End	0.17	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 27,370.00	Feb-26
9	26	Payne Norton Rd.	Mud Creek Rd.	Alto-Mud Creek Rd.	1.46	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 235,060.00	Feb-26
10	603	S. Quail Trail SW	Old Cleveland Rd.	Cul-de-sac	0.28	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 45,080.00	Feb-26
11	109	Sellers Rd.	Dicks Hill Pkwy.	R/R Bridge	0.37	Mill, Level, Resurface	$ 59,570.00	Feb-26
				TOTAL MILES:	**7.80**		**$ 1,255,800.00**	

$ 961,864.71 LMIG Grant
$ 293,935.29 SPLOST VII

$ 288,559.41 minimum 30% match

LMIG grant: $961,864.71
at $160k / mile: 6.01

LMIG 2025 contracted at $154k/mile

min 30% match: $288,559.41
LMIG plus 30% match: $1,250,424.12
at $160k / mile: 7.82

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Jimmy Tench (Name), the Board of Commissioners Chairman (Title), on behalf of Habersham County, GA (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)

Jimmy Tench, Chairman (Print)
Mayor / Commission Chairperson

_____ (Date)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAL (required):

180048
E-Verify Number

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This _____ day of_____, 20____.
In the presence of:

NOTARY PUBLIC

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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.

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Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Jimmy Tench
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Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Board of Commissioners Chairman
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Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

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Date

Form Date - May 10, 2024