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The US$32 million question

The Tourism Authority's FY2027 request: the questions it puts to lawmakers, what it would require of the tourism industry, and what is at stake for Liberia

Read against every national budget since FY2014/15, all 120 spending entities of FY2026, and the half-year the Comptroller has just closed.

US$32.41M

The request made at the FY2027 Executive Budget Hearing on 8 October 2026: 8.8 times the Authority's first vote.

US$3.70M

The FY2026 vote; US$4.20M after the May supplementary. For FY2027 the book projects US$2.56M; the Authority's post, US$4.06M.

19%

of the FY2026 vote (US$4.20M) paid out by June, against 44% for government as a whole. The Treasury had allotted 71% of the vote.

11th

where US$32.41M would rank the Authority among 120 spending entities. It is 43rd today. The sum is 3.2% of a FY2027 budget the book projects 18% smaller.

IN ONE PARAGRAPH

The Liberia National Tourism Authority, operating since January 2026, has asked for US$32.41 million for FY2027: eight times the FY2027 allocation its own post reports and twice the whole Agriculture sector. Its first vote was a fifth paid out by June, and the FY2026 book projects every sector smaller in FY2027. Against that stand the Act the Legislature passed and a plan that costed tourism before the Authority existed. This note sets out the questions the request puts to lawmakers, what it asks of the industry, and what is at stake for Liberia. On the evidence, a phased programme of about US$12 million in FY2027, released against conditions, is the path the precedents and the plan's costing support.

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Three readers, one request. Sections 3, 4 and 5 take the request in turn from the standpoint of the lawmakers who will vote the FY2027 budget, of the tourism industry, and of the country as a whole; sections 1 and 2 give the record and the whole-budget picture they share; section 6 sets out what the record supports, and section 7 the method.

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