



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2100

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a communications tower site consisting of a 60x60 secured chain-link fence, a hardened CAT 4 storm rated communication shelter, construct an antenna tower to a height of 300 feet above ground level. Install ASTRO P25 communication hardware to include point to point microwave equipment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,600,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,600,000	100%

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?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Columbia County received \$2 million in CARES Act Funding that was allocated towards the NFMIP WWTP to shore up an existing grant.
 \$13.9 million of ARPA money was divided up as follows:
 - \$6.2 million for Fort White water projects
 - \$4 million for the NFMIP WWTP
 - \$1.7 million in business assistance
 - \$679K for individual assistance
 - \$1 million for emergency home repair
 An additional \$729,853 came from the LCTPA portion of funding that was used to purchase a building for additional county offices.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

ASAP

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

ASAP

12. List 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.

Columbia County

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of tower	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The construction of a tower for improved communications for first responders.

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

The additional tower site will bring added public safety radio coverage to an underserved area in Columbia County. In addition, if/and when the need for Fire, EMS or Law Enforcement services requested in the area of Suwannee Valley, I-75/I-10 interchange, and mutual aid services with State and Federal agencies.

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

General Public/Emergency services.

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

Better and improved communications for first responders.

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?

Remittance of funds back to the state.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number