



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3414

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Community Digital Technology Development Initiative is a comprehensive program aimed at fostering technological empowerment, connectivity, and economic development in the Greater Apalachee Ridge Estates neighborhood and adjacent Tallahassee South Side neighborhoods. This initiative is designed to bridge the digital divide, improve access to technology, and enhance the quality of life for residents in these underserved communities by focus on the following key objectives:
 Digital Access/Affordability/Utility; Computer Skills Development; Microenterprise/Small Business Support; Community Connectivity & Pride of Ownership; Intergenerational STEAM Learning; Resident-led Civic Engagement; Healthcare Accessibility; Prosperity-forensic Collaborations and Partnerships.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	473,200
Fixed Capital Outlay	75,000
Total State Funds Requested	548,200

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)	548,200	49%
Matching Funds		
Federal	150,000	13%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	75,000	7%
Other	350,000	31%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,123,200	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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Federal Community Development Block Grant; local Community Human Service Partnership; Children's Services Council-Leon grant funding; partnership and organizational fundraising initiatives

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

We received \$20,000 from Leon County's ARPA Grant to support capital improvements to the facility.

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?

Already Existing

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Nov 24

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.

Current owner of the facility is the City of Tallahassee; they would receive no funds directly that are slated for capital improvement outlay for the facility. The Greater Apalachee Ridge Estates Neighborhood Association, Inc. Would serve as the fiduciary agent to ensure funding is invested based upon adopted and approved capital improvement planning as approved by the City of Tallahassee.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	\$55,000 in gross salary + \$5000 per year in annual benefits	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies- \$25,000 (miscellaneous office supplies needed for facility) Travel/Supplies/Other Equipment (non-technolo\$y)- \$15,000 (furniture, appliances, etc) Equipment (technology)- 100,000 (community computer distribution, facility technology upgrade equipment, etc.) Other: \$15,000 (conference travel, subscriptions, orga_ \$2500nizational memberships	155,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Facility Inspection (Annual): \$700 Services/Study Community Technology Audit (Annual): \$5000 Community Needs Assessment (Annual): \$5,000 GARENA Board Community Strategic Planning: \$10,000	23,200
Operational Costs: Other		



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Salary and Benefits	Programs Director (\$45,000 + \$5,000/yr benefits package) Community Engagement Specialist (full-time, \$40,000 + \$3,000/yr benefits package)	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost/Travel for Staff /Board Training \$10,000 Communication Systems \$5000 Supplies/Equipment \$5000 Engagement Resources/Supplies \$15,000	35,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Community Technology Consultant \$25,000 (subcontracted) Digital Resource Navigators (4 @ \$25000/yr) \$10000 Services/Study Consultants for STEAM and Digital Education courses (4 hrs/days 5 days/wk, 50 wks) \$175,000	200,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	HUB Renovation/Site Revival: \$25000 Signage Renovation: \$25,000 Disability Accessibility Upgrades: \$25,000	75,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		548,200

14. Program Performance

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

We will target the 6,713 residents and neighbors in Leon County Census Tracts 10.01, 10.02, 18.04- which are historically underserved neighborhoods within Tallahassee's Southside- with the opportunity to have affordable broadband/internet at home via the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program; We will coordinate events at the Apalachee Ridge Estates Technology & Learning Center in partnership with local organizations targeted at senior residents and families who are in need of computer repair, troubleshooting, computer replacement, and basic education on computer functionality to increase their confidence in utilization of digital equipment

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

Monthly Activities:
 - Community Technology Open House events (every month) where residents can learn about technology equipment, careers, and opportunities with our partners;
 - Community Improvement Projects that engage residents and partners in the improvement of space and accessibility to resources available.

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

Computer Repair and trouble shooting for residents;
 - Digital/web based e-commerce platform training;
 - Computer replacement and use instruction/training opportunities;
 - Financial fitness and literacy counseling and training in partnership with Envision Credit Union.

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

Leon County Census Tracts 10.01, 10.02, 18.04. Area is 87% Black or African American, 10% Latin American (non-black) and 3% White/Caucasian. Total number of neighbors served will be 6,713 by this initiative.

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

We use an outcome-based logic model for our programmatic goal setting for this project. Benefits to the 6,713 households within our target area would be:
 - Long term accessibility to affordable internet service within areas that are at or below 70% of area median income;
 - Opportunity for economic mobility and career opportunity through training and outreach conducted at the facility;
 - Computer repair services and technology equipment replacement for residents in need of this support.
 - Digital resource navigation of residents seeking assistance with other needs (housing, health insurance etc.)

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Retraction of unused funding back to the contracting agency

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**

e. **E-mail Address**

f. **Phone Number**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**