



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1200

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

WSRE is a Public Broadcast Station for Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties. In 1967, the current antenna was erected on county property at the edge of development to broadcast to the community. Over the last 55 years, development has grown around the tower and it was utilized by the county as well as commercial users. However, when new windloads were adopted 222 (g), the current antenna could not meet the new requirements and could not be altered to do so either. As a result, both WSRE and Escambia County have removed and relocated all their infrastructure off the antenna. Just this year the final commercial user leases have ended, and they have removed as well. Now the antenna stands simply as a liability to 3 surrounding public buildings, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, the Escambia County main bus station and the Department of Health Escambia office. The funding request is to remove the antenna before it causes damage and to do so without impacting funds to educate citizens.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

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)	250,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?  No

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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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.

PSC did receive Covid-19 funding from the federal government to support its educational missions. However, most of those funds have been spent in compliance with the directives given and all allocated before this project need occurred.

## 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

The land the antenna is on is owned by Escambia County and the antenna itself is the property of WSRE a part of Pensacola State College. Once the antenna is removed it would not be either the property or, more importantly, the liability of Pensacola State College and the State of Florida.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The appropriation will remove an antenna that is no longer used and a liability to fall on 3 public buildings, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Escambia County's public transportation station or the Escambia County Health Department, if impacted by high winds will be eliminated. This is a non-recurring, fixed capital cost removing a structure that has served the public beyond it useful life.	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>



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**14. Program Performance**

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

The removal of the antenna will remove the liability to Pensacola State College and the State of Florida should the outdated antenna fall. The funds requested would also enable the education of NW Floridians by the college to not be impacted.

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

A specialized contractor, due to the surrounding structures and on going public services administration in the shadow of the antenna, will use the funds to expertly remove the antenna with no impact to the buildings or public. Please note that both Escambia County and the Escambia County Sheriff's Office have buildings that could be damaged if the antenna were to fall. Both Escambia County and the Escambia County Sheriff have provided support letters for the funding of this project.

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

The potential liability will be removed and there will be no adverse impact on the funds used to educate the citizens of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties by Pensacola State College.

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

Since its erection, the antenna has served the two county service area of Pensacola State College which is Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, with a current population of nearly 500,000. All of those citizens could potentially be served by Pensacola State College and WSRE.

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

The liability from the outdated antenna to the people of Escambia County and the State of Florida will be removed with the removal of the antenna. This will be measured by the removal of the antenna. With it gone, there will be no liability.

**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?**

The funding will not be expended if the antenna is not removed so the entire request is totally performance based. The college and its vendor will have all the incentive to timely complete the project if funding is provided.

**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)



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- 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**