



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2273

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Expanding broadband access to all municipal facilities in the Village of North Palm Beach and bring free high-speed public Wi-Fi to all local buildings and parks. This would enhance local government services in the village, increase visitation to outdoor areas (to help get people into nature), and provide a safety net to school-aged children, job seekers, and disadvantaged groups. Currently, none of the local parks and recreation facilities have any public Internet access.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	100,000
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	200,000	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.

North Palm Beach will only be seeking one additional year of funding to accomplish the goals of this project. If state support is not available, then the village will seek other local options to complete the project.

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



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

11. 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	Installing village-owned fiber to remainder of local facilities. Three facilities are already completed (Public Safety, Village Hall, and the Library). A fiber vendor would be doing install. Village would provide matching \$100,000 for FY23. Project need is \$200,000 in total for FY23 and another \$200,000 total in for FY24. Village would provide matching \$100,000 for FY24.	100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

Expanding broadband access to all municipal facilities in the Village of North Palm Beach and bring free high-speed public Wi-Fi to all local buildings and parks. This would enhance local government services in the village, increase visitation to outdoor areas (to help get people into nature), and provide a safety net to school-aged children, job seekers, and disadvantaged groups. Currently, none of the local parks and recreation facilities have any public Internet access.

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

Complete installation of village-owned fiber to remaining local facilities. Three facilities have already been completed (Public Safety, Village Hall, and the Library). What remains are three parks and recreation facilities, Public Works, the tennis center, and the newly dedicated emergency operations center. At these facilities, the public will then gain improved government services and Wi-Fi.

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

Free high-speed public Wi-Fi. More Internet access points across the village. Wi-Fi at all village-owned facilities and parks. Better customer service. More venues for educational programs and classes. More venues for homework help and school-aged students. More venues for job seekers and homeless folks to access the Internet.

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

Elderly persons, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless persons, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, and university/college students. In excess of 3,000 individuals.

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



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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?

If the Village of North Palm Beach does not perform and install the broadband as agreed, it will return all funds appropriated to it for this purpose.

13. 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 Village of North Palm Beach will be receiving the funds and will own the infrastructure.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number