



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2449

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Washington County is currently working to provide broadband to every resident within its borders. As a result of the Rural Infrastructure Grant award letter, \$1.5 million was awarded to Washington County and they were able to begin the process with an innovative company that began installing like infrastructure in neighboring Walton County. Because the project is currently ongoing, with test homes expected in the coming days, typical funding sources will not allow for application. This request will complete the project.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,500,000	30%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,000,000	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? No

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?

No



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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	Project construction.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Internet access will be provided for all residents. Equipment for low-income residents will be provided.

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

When Washington County residents of all ages are able to access the internet from their rural homes for purposes of distance learning, tele-medicine, remote working, and other important reasons, the project will be deemed successful.

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

This project will provide all Washington County residents access to broadband.

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

All 25,473 Washington County residents.

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

The expected outcome for this project would be that every resident who needs internet would have access to what they need.

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?

Failure to complete project will result in loss of funding for the project.

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.



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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