



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1711

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Mount Dora and the Northeast Community Redevelopment Agency of Mount Dora are currently designing and will, with the help of these grant funds build a 26,000+ sq. ft. Community Resource and Recreation Center that will allow the under-served low income population of the Mount Dora, Northeast Lake County and potentially Northwest Orange County access to "gig speed" Internet access for free. The Mount Dora Community Resource and Recreation Center will include a banquet/classroom flex space that can seat up 300 people in a classroom setting or 200 people in a banquet setting. Additionally, this multi-use facility will house a commercial teaching kitchen, conference room and a technology lab with computers, Smartboards, 3-d printers, etc. The remainder of the facility will include flex office space for resource providers, meeting rooms, child watch area, indoor gymnasium, commercial walk-in fridge and freezer for the commercial kitchen, loading area, a secured outside play area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	7%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	6,793,000	93%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,293,000	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.



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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.

CARES ACT monies in the amount of \$1,419,263.94. The funds were used for to allowable costs of PPE such as facemasks, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, operation of the vaccination sites and public safety personnel etc.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/2025

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.

City of Mount Dora will own and operate the facility.

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 the facility is expected to be \$12,000,000. The City is issuing \$6,000,000 in Northeast CRA TIF Debt, applying for a \$5,000,000 DEO Broadband Grant and a \$550,000 Comcast Grant to fund this project. This grant will provide the matching funds to complete the construction of this facility. The City/Northeast CRA has already funded the design contract with Borrelli & Partners for \$1,024,578.35. Design will be completed July of 2023.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Providing free high speed Internet access to the under-served population in Mount Dora and Northeast Lake County. Providing local access to resource providers to those in need. Offering indoor recreation activities for residents of Mount Dora and Northeast Lake County.

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

These funds will help pay for the construction the facility that will accomplish all of the goals, objectives and programs outlined in this application.

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

Access to free broadband Internet, access to resource providers, access to indoor recreation, access to job training programs. Health and wellness programs.

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

Underserved community of color, elderly population, school age children, young adults, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, physically disabled, entrepreneurs and the general public. This facility will serve the entire population of Mount Dora, 17,000+, northeast Lake County and Northwest Orange County.

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

Decreased crime in the area, increased access to broadband internet access, increased health and wellness in the community, increased educational attainment, increased or improved economic activity, create jobs, enhance specific individuals economic self sufficiency, reduce substance abuse, enrich cultural experiences, improve quality of education, and protect the public from harm are all expected outcomes from this project. This will tracked by usage data, crime statics, school data, new business startups and increased household income in the area.

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?

City would have to repay the funds for failure to meet the deliverables.

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)



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☒ 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