

- LFIR # 1823
- **Project Title** City of Winter Haven Enhanced Governmental Connectivity Through High-Speed Fiber 1.
- 2. Senate Sponsor Kelli Stargel
- 3. **Date of Request** 11/14/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

Fiber is the new infrastructure for the digital and innovation economy. It serves as the backbone for smart cities and impacts the potential to transform government services and the ability to deliver services to the community. The city has implemented an expansive network of fiber conduit over the last 16 years utilizing "dig once" by leveraging existing infrastructure, trails, and transportation projects to implement fiber optic conduit. Other cities in Polk County have implemented fiber; however, fiber gaps exist that inhibit cities from realizing the potential of a connected regional fiber network. Filling the fiber gaps will transform how government provides services, emergency operation and response, public safety, transportation, utility, and resource management. The city, in conjunction with government partners, seeks funding of \$500,000 to implement fiber optic conduit to fill fiber gaps between cities and leverage dig once opportunities for reduced costs and less disruption.

State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity 5.

○ Yes ● No State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage	
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500000	50.0 %	
Matching Funds			
Federal	00	0 %	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %	
Local	500,000	50 %	
Other	00	0 %	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,000,000	100 %	

Has this project previously received state funding? 8. ○ Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	Vetoed

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount		
Administrative Costs:				
Executive Director/Project				
Head Salary and Benefits				
Other Salary and Benefits				
Other Salary and Denenits				
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other				
Consultants/Contracted				
Services/Study				
Operational Costs: Oth	er	1		
Salary and Benefits				
Expense/Equipment/				
Travel/Supplies/Other				
Consultants/Contracted				
Services/Study				
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:				
Construction/Renovation/ Land/Planning Engineering	Fiber installation services, engineering services, CADD operators, right-of way, design, permitting, and GPS survey	500,000		
Total State Funds Re	equested (must equal total from question #6)	500,000		



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11. Program Performance

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

Implementation of fiber optic conduit to fill fiber gaps and connect critical cities and regions will provide ultra-high speed data connectivity to surrounding areas, resulting in greater communication, regional collaboration, and economic investments. This approach also assists in leveraging existing dig once opportunities to install the fiber optic conduit at a reduced cost with less disruption to the public.

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

Fiber optic conduit will be installed to connect critical regions, public safety agencies, and education institutions.

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

High-speed Internet will be available through the fiber optic network for agencies to use for improved communication.

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

The general public will be served by this project through the work of public safety agencies and educational institutions.

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

Increase speed of connectivity/communication with education institutions, pubic safety agencies, and governmental agencies will result in increased connection speed and improved communications and services provided by these various agencies.

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 in the contract?

Payment withheld until deliverable met.



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12. 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 fiber optic conduit will be installed along public rights-of-way owned by municipalities, Polk County, the State of Florida, and possibly federal property.

13. Requestor Contact Information

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