



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3106

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Rural Satellite Broadband project will provide 425 families, small businesses, and other organizations in Gulf County immediate access to 100 mbps high speed, low latency, reliable internet service from Starlink satellite service to underserved rural and remote households, small businesses, educational and public facilities, and non-profit organizations who are in considerable need of broadband where fiber options are not possible. The project will provide satellite broadband service technology and one year of service to selected households, businesses, health care facilities, and other organizations selected for service.

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 | 1,100,200 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,100,200 |

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) | 1,100,200 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 1,100,200 | 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.

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.

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)?

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.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | County Director of Information Technology will coordinate with county stakeholders the identification of areas underserved by existing internet service and select eligible residents, organizations, and businesses for distribution of satellite dish technology. | 20,000 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Evaluation of project measuring improvements to Internet service in rural areas and increased educational, business, and job opportunities. | 30,000 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | 400 Starlink Satellite kits; 25 Starlink High Performance Kits; mounts, annual service charge, installation support to homes, businesses, schools, and organizations in underserved areas of the county. | 1,050,200 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,100,200 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of these funds will provide families, small businesses, and other organizations immediate access to 100 mbps high speed, low latency, reliable satellite internet service to underserved rural and remote households, small businesses, educational and public facilities, or non-profit organizations in Gulf County who are in considerable need of broadband where fiber options are not possible. The project will provide satellite technology and one year of service.

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

With these funds, Gulf County will deploy 425 Starlink Satellite dishes and one year of service to residents, businesses, and organizations that do not currently have reliable high speed broadband service. The funds will provide immediate broadband service to these residents and businesses.

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

This satellite broadband project will provide immediate highspeed internet service to these residents and businesses in areas where fiber broadband connections are not installed and may be years from installation. The satellite service will be easy to connect, easy to use, provide extremely high quality 100 mbps internet service to areas that do not have quality internet connections. It will increase educational outcomes, business opportunities, social connections, and access to the wider world.

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

Target population is homes with students and elderly, businesses with poor internet connectivity, health care facilities, schools, churches, and other organizations across Gulf County. The project will provide 400 satellite dishes serving multiple households, businesses, and others as well as 25 high-performance dishes that can serve up to 30 employees in a building.

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

High speed broadband in these areas will allow for telehealth visits and monitoring for citizens that may lack close access to health care or medical services; allow students and parents to access information and skills otherwise unavailable; allow businesses access to information, sales opportunities, marketing, and customer interaction via the internet which would otherwise be unavailable. Funds are provided to contract for evaluation of impact of satellite broadband project after installation. Starlink will evaluate use and effectiveness as well.

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?

Return unused funds and whatever DEO requests

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