



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1306

**1. Title of Project:** City of Mt. Dora Wolf Branch Fiber System

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

**3. Date of Submission:** 01/28/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The purpose is to develop an information and communication technology master plan and design-build fiber and communications infrastructure in the new Wolf Branch Innovation District ensuring world-class telecommunications services are available from the ground up to facilitate Smart City initiatives. The District will be the home for residential, commercial, retail, health industry, and education hubs. This project has been recognized by the Department of Economic Opportunity Job Growth Fund with an award of \$2.5M for transportation infrastructure improvements.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity  
State Agency Contacted? Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,037,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,037,500</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,037,500	8.43%
Federal	2,000,000	5.55%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,500,000	6.94%
Local	21,000,000	58.27%
Other	7,500,000	20.81%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>36,037,500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering, design, procurement, and installation of fiber optic infrastructure in the Wolf Branch Innovation District.	3,037,500
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,037,500</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Provide communications and network capabilities in the Wolf Branch Innovation District as a foundation for Smart Community Technologies including smart grid technology, automatic metering, ubiquitous wireless coverage, video surveillance, intelligent transportation systems, autonomous vehicles, connected city, teleworkers, smart homes, triple, and quadruple play.

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

Installation of fiber optic systems and smart community initiatives.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Smart community technologies - high speed broadband internet access for residents and business and improved safety and transportation enhancements.

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

Wolf Branch Innovation District will be the future home of commercial, retail and other business entities, including health facilities and Lake/Sumter College Branch Campus. Additionally the District will be the home of 15,000 new residents.

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

Wolf Branch Innovation District is the most aggressive economic development effort in the history of the City of Mt. Dora. The city is taking advantage of location and significant state transportation improvements in the region like the Wekiva Parkway.

**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?**

Refund of state dollars and limitation on receiving future funds.



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**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

City of Mount Dora.

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- a. **Organization:** City of Mount Dora
- b. **County:** Lake
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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