



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2354

**1. Title of Project:** Hurricane Michael - Washington County - Communications Tower

**2. Senate Sponsor:** George Gainer

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/19/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

When assessing the county's weaknesses and the areas impacted by Hurricane Michael, a great need for the addition of a public safety communications tower in Washington County was identified. During the first few days following the hurricane, Washington County relied solely on a single public safety communications tower for all first responding agencies. Aside from the damages to the communication systems, which were sustained by Hurricane Michael, this tower currently cannot adequately cover the entire county. The knowledge and realization of this threat, which not only involves the safety of first responders but also citizens, has caused great concern. This funding will allow for construction of a 250 foot free standing tower, all necessary radio equipment to include antennas, a tower top pre-amp, coaxial feed-lines, a multi-coupler combiner, repeaters, battery backup system, soil prep, reinforced foundation, generator, and grounding grid.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>600,000</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)	600,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>600,000</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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
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	Construction of a 250 foot free standing tower, all necessary radio equipment to include antennas, a tower top pre-amp,coaxial feed-lines, a multi-coupler combiner, repeaters, battery backup system, soil prep, reinforced foundation, generator, and grounding grid.	600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>600,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Increase in radio coverage for the southern portion of Washington County. This tower will also serve as a back-up to the only Public Safety Communications tower for Washington County.

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

The construction of a Public Safety Communications tower in the southern portion of Washington County. This will result in increased communication coverage for Emergency Public Safety Personnel. This will also serve as a back up to Washington County's only Public Safety Communications tower during a natural disaster and emergencies.

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

Correct the issue and potentially eradicate the re-occurrence of catastrophic public safety communications down time. The addition of the tower will profoundly increase the county's ability to communicate during natural disasters and emergencies.

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

Washington County Sheriff's Office, Police Department, fire personnel, and the population of Washington County, which is currently 24,567.

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



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- 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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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.**

Washington County.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Kevin Crews
- b. **Organization:** Washington County Sheriff's Office
- c. **E-mail Address:** sheriffcrews@wco.us
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)638-6111

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Washington County Sheriff's Office
- b. **County:** Washington
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify) Local Government-Law Enforcement
- d. **Contact Name:** Kevin Crews
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**