



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2739

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Continue funding the Community Service Grants (CSGs) for 13 public radio stations throughout Florida, ensuring the strength and vitality of their commitment to public safety communications (as part of the Florida Public Radio Emergency Network) and to local news, programming and community outreach. Currently public radio receives \$1.3 million spread evenly across all stations. We request an additional \$650,000 to be spread evenly across all stations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,950,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,950,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	1,300,000	0	GA119	No

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.

Public radio stations have various sources of funding: membership, local underwriting, statewide underwriting, grants, corporate and individual gifts, and federal.

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.

A few stations received PPP funds. Stations received CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act funds. The amounts varied on market and station size.

#### 11. 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	See below.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	See below.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	See below.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	See below.	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Stations are given wide latitude by DOE for spending CSG funds. Each station has the prerogative to spend state dollars on salaries, benefits, programming, supplies, etc. State dollars can be spent differently. A station's size, market & license influence how state dollars are used. Therefore, there is not a way to reflect how dollars would be used in each category. There was no Operations/General category to capture this information so an explanation was typed here.	1,950,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	See above.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	See above.	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	None.	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,950,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The state has a long-standing commitment to funding public radio in Florida. Our 13 stations cover 99 percent of the state and provide the only true statewide radio network in the state. Our stations provide the state a vital network to communicate during hurricanes, tropical storms, and other emergencies. Our stations are locally licensed, managed and led. They are closely tied to their communities as a result.

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

Our stations are actively engaged in enhancing their abilities to stay on the air 24/7 especially during a hurricane, tropical storm or other severe weather event. They remain nimble in their ability to cover breaking news in their communities and provide various types of community programs. Our college/university licenses also provide learning and professional training opportunities for students.

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

Our stations provide a wide range of local programming services from local (and college/university) news reports to special community engagement programs. While they operate independently, they routinely collaborate to share stories and programs for other markets in the state. Our stations have strong followings in their communities, as a result.

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



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Our stations' audiences reflect a wide spectrum of Floridians. Because they are scattered throughout the state, our stations' audiences are diverse in age, race and ethnicity, economics, interests, and location.

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

An essential benefit to a strong public radio system is a robust statewide radio/communications network for the state to have at its convenient and timely disposal during a time of emergency or crisis.

**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?**

A reduction in funding.

**13. 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.**

N/A



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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)  
☐ Local Entity  
☐ University or College  
☒ Other (please specify) Individual public radio stations

d. First Name  Last Name   
e. E-mail Address   
f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name   
b. Firm Name   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number