



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1914

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Mount Dora is requesting \$400,000 to purchase and install technology equipment for a new technology lab. The lab will be equipped with computers, monitors, smartboards, 3D printers, servers, routers to support job training programs and provide essential digital access for students—particularly those who lack high-speed internet at home. This investment is part of a broader initiative centered around a 31,100 sq. ft. Community Anchor Institution currently under construction. Once complete, the facility will offer free high-speed internet access to residents of the Northeast CRA, the City of Mount Dora, Northeast Lake County, and Northwest Orange County. The goal is to expand broadband access and adoption among vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals, the unemployed, and older adults. In addition, the facility will serve as a health resource hub, offering free telehealth appointments, dental and vision screenings, and basic health assessments.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	400,000	2%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	16,000,000	98%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	16,400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☒ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/06/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Northeast CRA TIF, City ad valorem revenue.

11. 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.

City of Mount Dora/Northeast CRA

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The City of Mount Dora is requesting \$400,000 to purchase and install technology equipment for the technology lab. Equipment includes computers, monitors, smartboards, 3D printers, servers, routers to serve the facility for job training programs, homework for students who don't have access to high-speed internet in their homes.	400,000
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)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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



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To purchase technology equipment for the Community Resource & Recreation Center. This equipment will provide high speed internet access to residents. Students will be able to study in a safe and secure location. This facility is currently under construction across the street from Mount Dora Middle School.

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

Job training classes, business training classes, 3-d printing classes, before care and after school programs for children. Mentoring and tutoring programs for youth and young adults.

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

Job training classes, business training classes, 3-D printing classes, before care and after school programs for children. Mentoring and tutoring programs for youth and young adults.

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

Residents, employees, businesses, school age persons, anyone looking for job training, residents in need of access to telehealth appointments,

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

Number of people using the facility on a daily basis. Staff will track people in and out to know how many people are in the building at any moment in time.

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?

Repayment of funds if equipment not purchased and installed.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.